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BELLICOSE
JAP. FOREIGN
POLICY
PREDICTED

London, To-day.

The effect of the changes in the Japanese Cabinet is greatly to strengthen the military element, says the "Daily Telegraph" this morning.

Most significant change is the supersession of Mr. Koki Hirota by General Ugaki at the Foreign Office, as hitherto the Premier, Prince Konoye, had refused to yield to agitation against Mr. Hirota.

That he has now surrendered indicates the formidable pressure to which he has been exposed, and the fact is ominous, meaning that the governing power in Japan has definitely passed into the hands of the fighting services, whose leaders have always been impatient of civilian restraint and foreign claims of consideration.

MORE BELLICOSE

It may also be taken to manifest the patriotic reaction of the Japanese people to the increasing difficulties of the war adventure in China.

It is certain that the temper of the war chiefs and the people will become more, rather than less bellicose, and that the fact has to be reckoned with.

Always it is a wounded animal which is the most dangerous.—Reuter.

FEMALE SPY
SHOT

The Chinese female spy, Lily Han, who was recently arrested in Hankow, has been shot, according to the local "Lih Pao," a popular tabloid paper.

China's "Mata Hari," said to be of "striking beauty" was a former celebrated cabaret queen in Shanghai. A cheque for \$60,000 from a certain foreign bank led to her arrest.

Bigger Effort In
China Campaign
Expected

Tokyo, To-day.

The reshuffle of the most important Ministerial positions in the Japanese Cabinet, giving the militarists the five key posts, is, in the opinion of competent circles, of equal importance both to domestic and foreign policy.

The strengthening of the war policy and the concentration of all Japanese political forces through the exclusion of political parties are the principal objectives in reforming the Konoye Cabinet.

The new Ministers were nominated after a lengthy discussion in the Cabinet with "advisers of the Crown," and it was stressed that the reshuffle would guarantee uniform management of state undertakings in the military, political and economic field.

Although the former Cabinet outwardly showed no serious contrasts, there were many differences of opinion with regard to the manner of dealing with the China conflict. It is stressed that the most important change is that of General Ugaki for Mr. Hirota as Foreign Minister.

STATE MANAGEMENT

General Ugaki, who is highly respected in Japanese political circles, was formerly Governor of Korea and recently a member of the Board of Advisors to the Government. He was proposed as Prime Minister last year, but was not nominated because of the opposition of the Army.

In the meantime, he seems to have won their approval, on account of his proved ability as politician and diplomat and his advocacy of resolute management of the State during the war.

ITAGAKI IN CHINA

The nomination of General Itagaki as Minister of War, will have as its consequence the drawing up of a new military programme since General Itagaki, as Chief of Staff of the Kwantung Army, has already proved himself a capable organizer.

Gen. Itagaki is now commanding a division on the North China front and is expected in Tokyo shortly. The new Minister of War enjoys the confidence of the army. It is not yet known whether General Itagaki will bring about alterations in the higher military command.

WAR ECONOMY

The nomination of Mr. Ikeda who, as former principal director of the Mitsui concern and Governor of the Bank of Japan, was the Government's chief financial ex-

WITHDRAWAL
OF ADVISERS
CAUSES UNEASE

Chungking, To-day.

Some slight uneasiness is evinced in German circles as a result of the withdrawal of German military advisers from China.

It is feared that the action will have repercussions on the activities of Germans all over China.

The presence of the German military advisers, it is generally agreed, had done much to maintain good relations between Chinese and Germans, helping to counter-balance possible feelings evoked by the Anti-Comintern Pact.

Official action, it is stated, is unlikely, though it is feared in Chinese trade circles that official contracts not yet completed will be cancelled.

The possibility of individual discrimination against German goods is a personal question.—Reuter.

pert, is also of great importance. Mr. Ikeda is in closest touch with Army circles and is the champion

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"SAFEMILK"

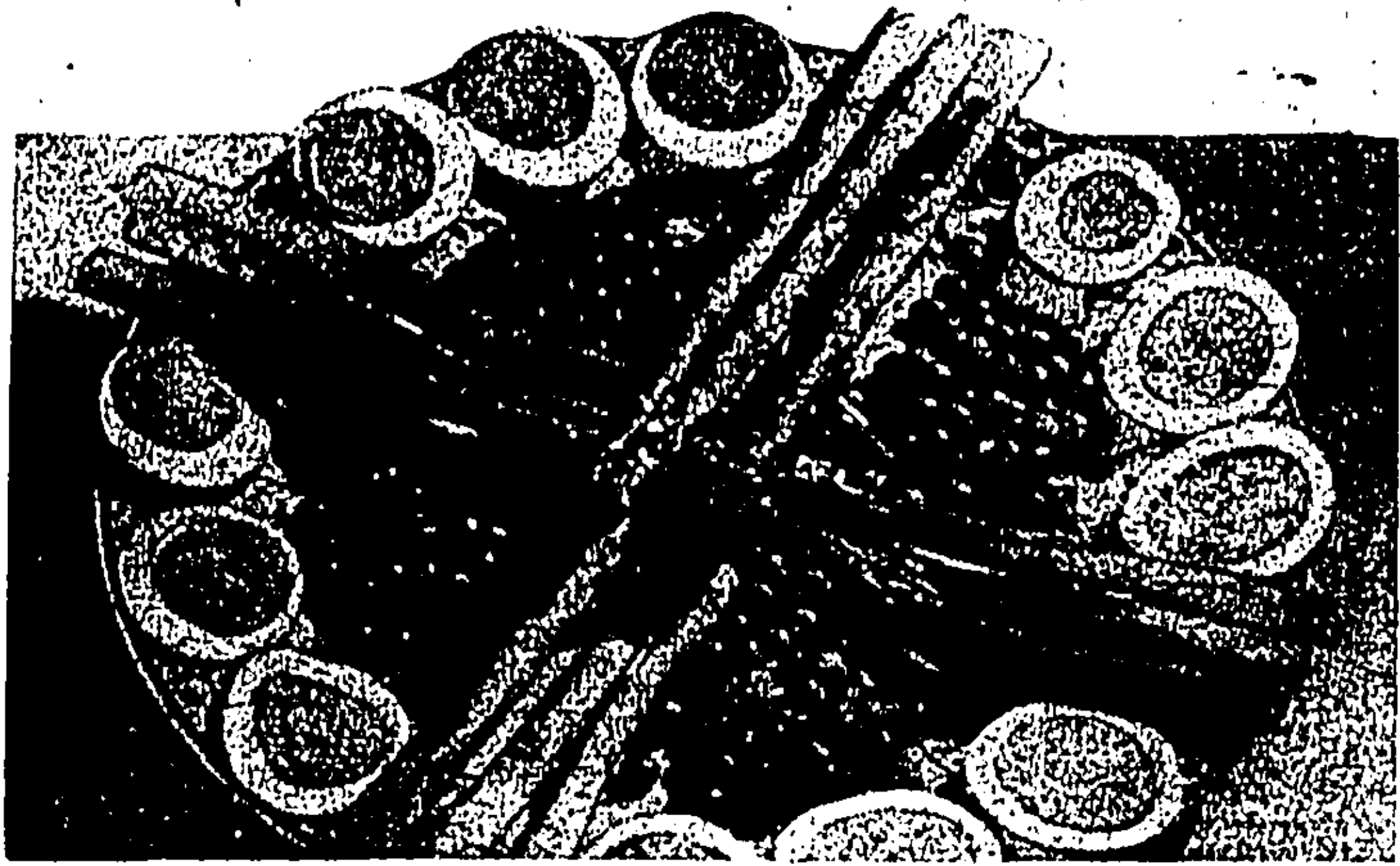
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PEAS WITH CARROTS.—Prepare a bunch of carrots and boil them with 2 to 3oz of butter. When tender add green peas, salt and a little Demerara sugar. Take a teaspoonful of flour and mix to a paste with a little water. Add to the vegetables, bring to the boil, and serve sprinkled with chopped parsley.

CAULIFLOWER AND EGG.—Boil a cauliflower as usual. Butter a deep fire-proof dish and sprinkle it with grated cheese. Put a layer of the cooked cauliflower, add more cheese, and arrange thick slices of

hard-boiled egg on top with seasoning of salt and pepper. Repeat layers and finish with slices of peeled tomato. Place in oven for about 15 minutes and serve in the same dish.

CREAMED SPINACH.—Boil and sieve spinach. Repeat and add pepper, salt and a tablespoonful of cream. Arrange on a hot dish and serve with croutons of fried bread and chopped hard-boiled egg.

FRENCH BEANS.—Boil the beans left whole in plenty of salted water. Strain carefully and put them in a clean saucepan with a lump of butter and a little pepper. Shake the pan until the butter is melted. Serve at once.

CUCUMBER AND CREAM.—Peel and cut cucumbers into 2in lengths. Cook these in salted water for 10 minutes. Drain well and arrange on a hot dish. Have ready some well seasoned Bechamel sauce. At the last moment add 2 tablespoonfuls of cream to this and pour over the cucumbers. Sprinkle with chopped tarragon.

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American women are puzzled greatly by the accounts of servant trouble in England which are being brought to the U.S.A. They have always regarded England as a Mecca for housewives, with maids willing to do any amount of work at a low wage and often in uncomfortable quarters, while they themselves had to pay £3 or £4 a week for a good general servant.

All that is changed now. The depression of 1929 readjusted the American servant question, which used to be a topic of conversation at any tea or bridge party. One can get all the servants wanted and at far more reasonable wages, and the maids one gets are, as a rule, more capable than those in England.

GOOD COOKS

The maid most in demand is the general worker, who does all the housework, cooks extremely well, does all the light washing and can manage a dinner for six or eight people, cooking and serving it herself, even making the cocktails. Sometimes a cleaning woman comes in once or twice a week or the mistress of the household helps with dusting and bed making.

Most general servants live in, but occasionally they prefer to share a flat with another girl or they are married women whose husbands start out to work early and come in late.

They are of all nationalities, English, Irish, Austrian, German, Swedish and French, but never American, unless one counts the great number of negroes who go out as servants. The white American, however poor she is, will not become a servant. The only places you find them are in small towns and villages, and they are regarded as part of the family, working very well but quite as an older sister would. They must be treated as equals.

There have been many training schools started for servants in the U.S.A., but they have never been particularly successful for the reason that the American woman is so good a housewife that she can train a servant herself. She is every house-proud, so no signs of careless sweeping and dusting escape her, and American home cookery is probably better as or good as any in the world.

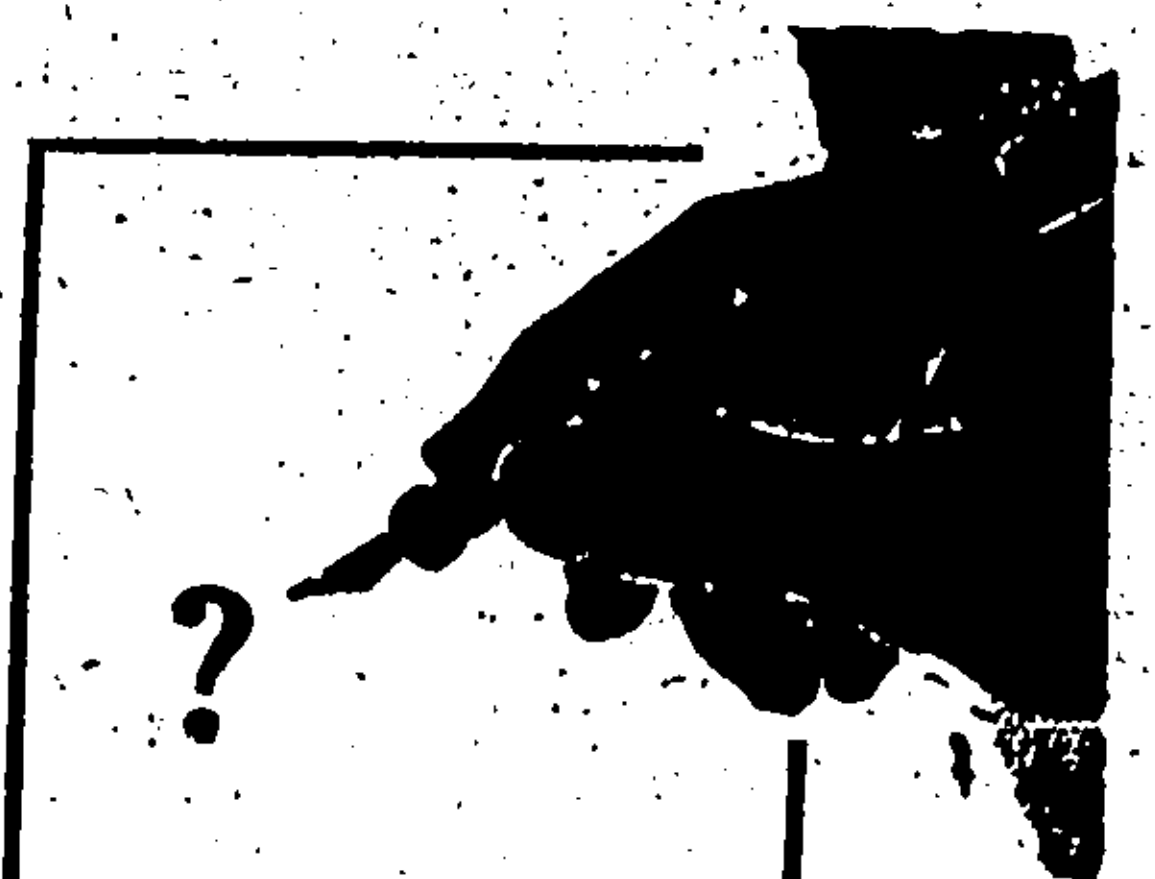
If she is left suddenly servantless she can turn to and manage until she gets another maid. And many a young woman takes care of her own little flat entirely, cooks delicious meals, and then dons a charming gown and a careful make-up and goes off to a dance.

Many such housewives have come from luxurious homes, and have never been taught the rudiments of housewifery; others from simpler homes have helped their mothers out in emergencies and learned from them. Others have gone to training schools for brides-to-be and learned cookery and housework.

LIFE IS EASIER NOW

But whatever the case there is no doubt that the American woman is an instinctive housewife. That has probably come down to her from the days when gently-bred girls of all nations followed their husbands to the great New World and found that they had to work as they had never dreamed of working; cook and wash and scrub and rear their children with little or no help.

She is now on the crest of the wave. A good servant of any kind is easy to find and keep, and wages do not make dreadful inroads into her housekeeping money. She has never found home life easier than it is now.



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Weddings Set Romantic Trends

Royal Bride's Beautiful Robe



Bridal fashions are being influenced by the series of Royal weddings.

The wedding of the Crown Princess of Greece in Athens last January, the marriage of Countess Geraldine Apponyi to King Zog of Albania and the wedding of the Grand Duchess Kyra and Prince Louis Ferdinand are deciding trends for months ahead.

Head-dresses, trains, the choice of veil and arrangement of old family lace for Royal brides have inspired dressmakers with many attractive new ideas.

WORN BY A QUEEN

The new Queen of Albania's wedding gown of white satin, with

diamante, silver and silken flower embroideries, must have looked superb in the setting of the Royal residence at Tirana.

The embroideries on the train match, it will be noticed, the design down either side of the centre front of the Chanel gown.

Queen Geraldine's veil was most graceful, falling from its high, pointed orange blossom diadem over the shoulders and down the front, as well as over the back of the gown, and flowing over the train.

This historic bridal gown was taken to the Albanian capital from Paris by three of King Zog's sisters.

TO WASH CROCHET

Wash in not too hot water, in which soap flakes have been dissolved, and rinse in warm water. Hang over line; do not peg it.

Never use starch when washing crochet. This not only shrinks it very much, but also rots the work.

When dry, iron on wrong side, and it should then be like new.

SCRATCHED GLASS

It will be necessary to cut down to the bottom of the scratches, this can be done with emery powder and water. A good deal of rubbing will be necessary. Rub all over the mir-

ror with a fairly coarse powder at first and a finer one as the operation proceeds.

Wash the mirror and give a final polish to remove any fine scratches with some mild household abrasive powder made into a paste with water. Wash and polish as usual.

HOT PLATE MARKS

To remove hot plate marks from a polished table. If olive oil is applied to the mark and a little bicarbonate of soda powder sprinkled onto the oil, with a little light rubbing the mark is easily removed.

Housewives In Council

ROUND TABLE-CENTRES

The round centres should be washed in the ordinary way, then rolled in a clean towel till ready to iron.

Iron them on about 4 thicknesses

of blanket — this brings up the embroidery—right side down, ironing from the centre outwards till they are quite dry. You will then find the mats are quite flat—and not limp.

HOLLYWOOD'S
NEWEST

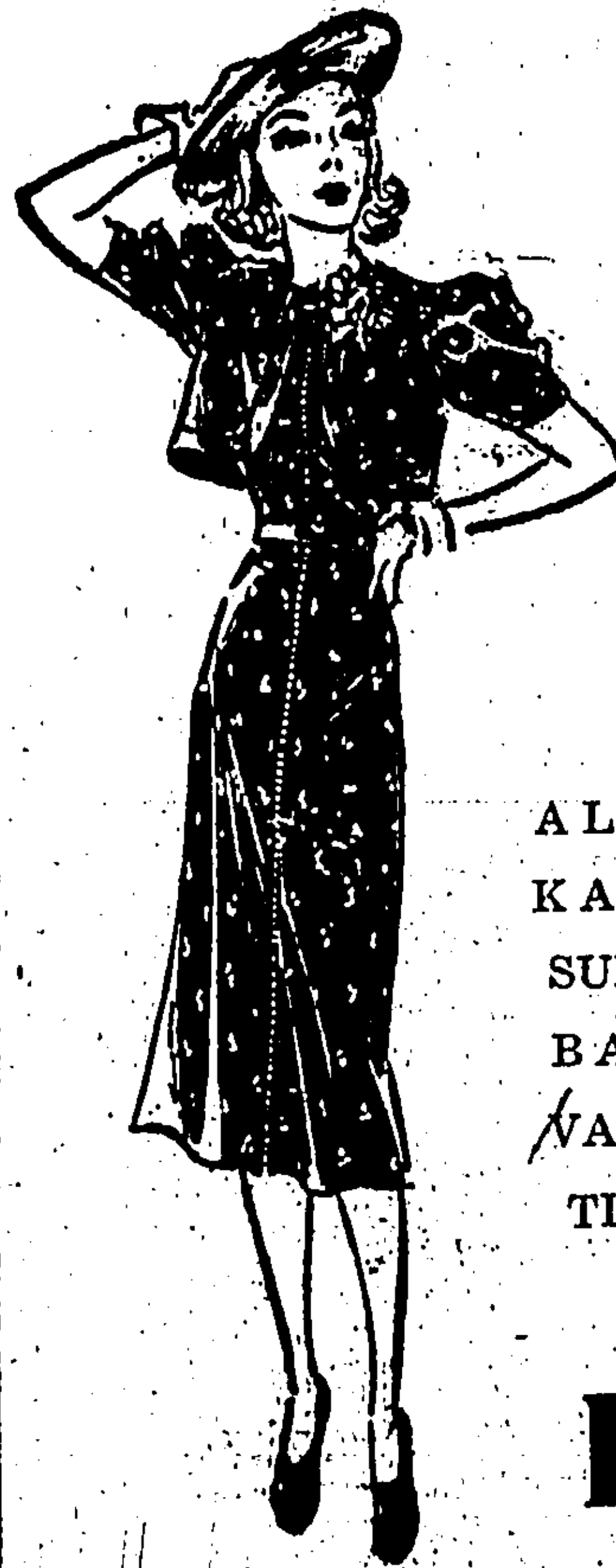
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DR. HODZA GIVES OUTLINE OF CONCESSIONS TO SUDETENS

Paris, To-day.

An interview by its special correspondent with the
Czech Premier, Dr. Hodza was published yes-
terday by the "Paris Soir."Dr. Hodza said first that his initial conversation
with Herr Henlein was informative in charac-
ter. Czech-Slovakia was determined to go very
far along the way to reconciliation.He said that he believed that the
existing difficulties could be regu-
lated before Autumn, that plans to
this effect had been worked out.The question of Czecho-Slovakia's
foreign policy was declared by Dr.
Hodza to be European in character.To regulate the Sudeten German
question it would not be necessary
to amend the Czecho-Slovakian
Constitution. Legislative measures
alone would be enough to enable
the Sudeten Germans to be granted
local self-administration.

CIVIL SERVICE POSTS

As for the projected Nationalities
Statute, the Sudeten Germans form
22 per cent. of the total population
of Czecho-Slovakia and this per-
centage of posts in the Civil Service
would be allotted to them. Other
Ethnic groups would likewise be
considered in proportion to their
strength.The "Paris Soir" states that this
conversation took place after the
report of Herr Henlein's talk with
Mr. Ward-Price was published,
so that it may be assumed that Dr.
Hodza's declarations to the "Paris
Soir" are an answer to Herr Kon-
rad Henlein.—Trans-Ocean.

SUDETEN DEMANDS

Prague, To-day.

The Sudeten German Party will
present its demands formally to the
Czecho-Slovakian Government in
course of the next few days, per-
haps before the end of this week,
according to a statement by Party
quarters.These demands have, in all es-
sentials, already been formulated
but will, for the time being, not be
published.Well-informed quarters believe
that the demands will be based on
the eight points Herr Henlein enu-
merated at Karlsbad.—Trans-
Ocean.

CHIEF JUSTICE SAILS

His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir
Atholl MacGregor, together with
Lady MacGregor, sailed this morn-
ing for the United Kingdom via
Canada in the Empress of Japan.
They are proceeding on furlough.During Sir Atholl's absence, the
Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice R. E.
Lindsell, will act as Chief Justice.

UNIVERSITY CONGREGATION

The Congregation of the Univer-
sity of Hong Kong is to be held on
Monday when the Chancellor, Sir
Geoffrey Northcote, will confer De-
grees. He will be accompanied
by Lady Northcote.

ECHO OF TRIPLE COLLISION

The accident in which a taxi, a
tram car and a private car, were
involved on May 18, has a sequel
at the Central Magistracy this
morning when Rev. L. C. Meeus, of
the Metropole Hotel, was fined \$10
by Mr. Butters for driving on the
wrong side of the road and the
driver of the tram, Tsang Sang
Kong, was fined \$15 for driving in
a manner dangerous to the public.Inspector Saunders said the
motor car was completely on the
wrong side of the road and collided
with the taxi on the tracks of an
east-bound tram car. A minute
later, the tram car came from the
west and ran into the taxi, com-
pletely wrecking it.The Rev. Mr. Meeus told him
that he had been accustomed to
driving on the right side of the
road on the Continent. As far as
the tram driver was concerned, it
was raining at the time and the
road was dark. The window of
the tram was closed and there was
no wiper.Mr. Gillard, representing the
Tramway Co., said that provision
was being made for the drivers to
have capes so that the windows
could be kept open on rainy days,
as wind screen wipers were not
satisfactory.

SPEEDING TO CATCH MACAO BOAT

W. A. Sipprille, of Messrs. W.
Hunt and Co., was fined \$25 by Mr.
H. R. Butters at the Central Ma-
gistracy for speeding.Sub-inspector B. G. Baker said
defendant was travelling at the
rate of 25 miles an hour and was
chased from the Naval Hospital to
Arsenal street. Defendant's excuse
was that he wanted to catch the
Macao boat.

NAVAL MEN FINED

A. B. W. Hambrook, of H.M.S.
Perseus, was this morning fined \$10
when he pleaded guilty to driving
a motor car in Tytam Tuk on May
7 without an appropriate licence.
Defendant said he had a learner's
licence and thought it permitted
him to drive the car in that dis-
trict.Another seaman, J. Heaton, of
H.M.S. Pandora, was fined \$10 for
allowing Hambrook to drive the
car.

CHINA MAIL

FRIDAY SUPPLEMENT, MAY 27, 1938

"Luck—you can do a lot towards arranging your luck"

WE had just seen Elsa Paget in "Wandering Melody." If the noise from the crowded gallery of first-nighters was any guide, the show would run for years.

The critics would say, for the twentieth time at least, that Elsa Paget's acting was up to the standard of a breaking-up performance at a girls' school, and they would be right as usual. But Elsa Paget's voice . . .

Somehow it numbed your critical senses so that you entirely forgot she couldn't act. It didn't matter. She was just Elsa Paget, and that was good enough to fill the house for months.

* * *

Yet there was nothing unsophisticated about Elsa herself. When I looked at her closely in her dressing-room afterwards I noticed a hardness about her eyes and mouth at close quarters that no make-up could conceal.

I found myself wondering. Hundreds of prettier girls, infinitely better actresses, with sweet voices, spend month after month trudging round London, hoping for some small part that never turns up.

There must be a colossal element of luck about an actress's first chance.

Later in the evening—or I suppose it was early in the morning—I mentioned this to Joe Connolly over a whisky and soda in his flat just off the Strand. If anybody knew the ebbs and floods of theatrical adventure it was Joe. After all, he had been responsible for nine-tenths of the successes in London for the last fifteen years.

"Luck?" he repeated. "Perhaps. But you can do a lot towards arranging your own luck, you know."

I said nothing. It seemed a queer statement, but I didn't want to display my ignorance.

"You remember 'The Nightingale from Nowhere'?" he asked.

"Only by name. You forget I've wasted my whole life in the wilds."

"I had the devil's own game casting that show. Sophie Kenyon played the lead, of course. That was simple enough. But there were several small parts I thought needed experience and good singing voices."

* * *

"However, eventually I managed to fill them all except one, and on that I stuck. It was a small part, but one that the right girl could make a lot of. There was one little vocal number that promised to be whistled by all the errand-boys in Bayswater in a week, even though there was no broadcasting in those days. But it wanted some putting over."

"I combed London for the right girl, and I reckon I must have been squawked at by every chorus girl who ever toured the provinces. I tell you, I was getting desperate. One could sing—or I thought she might sing that song as I wanted it sung—and only one. She had an unusual voice, with a fascina-

ONE COULD SING

tion all its own. But she'd had next to no stage experience, and she held herself like a lump of wood.

"It was disappointing, but I was getting used to disappointments. I told her she wouldn't do and forget all about her. The search went on for days, till I began to wish I need never see another woman nor hear her voice as long as I lived."

"I was coming back to this flat late one night, feeling tired, depressed, and cold. It was pouring with rain."

* * *

"As I was passing a little antique shop on the way down I heard

"I was really sorry for the child. It seemed to me the sort of dirty trick even fate ought to have jibbed at playing. And it was then that I suddenly thought of the fairy-tale notion that occurred to you just now. It was probably helped by the plot of 'The Nightingale from Nowhere' which must have been lurking at the back of my mind."

"It was the old plot of the girl with the beautiful voice, who's discovered in the most unlikely place and steps into fame in a night. With good tunes and a few new twists it always goes down. I don't suppose for a second I really imagined it could happen in real life. But I asked her if she could sing."

"I'm afraid it rather damped my sympathy. I sent her back to Balham in a taxi and gave her my card, telling her to come and call on me and I'd see what I could do. I'm interested in a number of organisations for helping artists in distress."

"Next day the card was duly presented at my office, and I had the bearer shown up."

"Then I had a shock. The girl who came in was not, apparently, the girl I'd entertained the night before, but the girl with the pleasing voice and no experience whom I'd turned down for the part. But when I'd gaped at her for a moment I realised why the face of the girl in the flat had seemed familiar."

"She made no apologies. 'You wouldn't believe that I could act,' she said, 'so I had to prove it to your somehow. I was afraid you might recognise me, so I smothered my face in bad make-up.'"

"But, good heavens!" I cried. "Last night, you couldn't sing a note."

* * *

"Try me now," she smiled.

"I did. And I was even more convinced that hers was the right voice for that number."

"I don't know what made me do it in the end. It may have been that I was humbled at having been so easily taken in. It may have been a conviction that to have got away with the previous night's hoax she must have ability in her somewhere, and it ought

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Short
Story

:- :-

By Shaugh
Courtenay

sobs. In the shadow, leaning up against the door of the shop, with her back to me, was the figure of a girl, crying with her whole body."

"I stopped, and I suppose I muttered something, for she turned sharply round and looked embarrassed."

"I'm sorry," she faltered. "I thought I was alone here, and I could let myself go."

"It's my place to apologise for butting in," I said. "But now that I have, can I help at all?"

"It's nothing. I—slipped my knee-cap. I don't know how it happened. I tripped up and fell with my leg under me. Oh, it's gone back again now," she added, as I made a move towards her. "But it's still—rather painful." She limped out into the open.

"I asked her how far she had to go. She told me she had a room at Balham or Tooting."

"Well, I couldn't leave her out there in the rain, and I wasn't at all keen on standing out in it myself, so I asked her in."

"By the time she'd got a hot drink inside her and taken off some of the wettest of her clothes, she was more inclined to talk."

"She wasn't beautiful, but she was attractive in a rather common way."

"I had a notion that I'd seen her face somewhere before. There was that vague familiarity about it that I couldn't place."

"She told me she was a dancer. For months she had been out of a job, and was just about at the end of her tether. But she had managed that day to secure a contract with a touring company. Nothing exciting, but enough to save the situation. Now this had happened, and she wouldn't be able to dance for weeks."

"When she'd got that off her chest, she burst into tears all over again."

"Of course," she said simply. Just like that."

"I had a copy of that number in the flat, so I went to the piano and played it over. Then I got her to try it."

"Of all the efforts I'd listened to in the last few weeks hers was the most pathetic."



The periodical clean-up of the "things they left behind them" took place at Waterloo Station recently. Over 2,000 lots were offered during the four days sale of lost property. They included umbrellas, gloves, frying pans, opera hats, sun helmets and even golf clubs. Photo shows a porter well laden with a miscellaneous collection. (Copyright)



The finish of the Shing Mun Handicap last Saturday. Mr. H. C. Pih is seen winning on Honeymoon Eve from Mr. D. Black on Boolat Bay. ("Mail" photo).



Taking it easy at Repulse Bay.

At right.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote, snapped with friends at last Saturday's Happy Valley meeting. ("Mail" photo).

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The R.A.M.C. Players, who are giving a Concert at the China Fleet Club Theatre to-night and to-morrow night in aid of the Hong Kong Boy Scouts Association.



Miss Dora Ellis and friend snapped at Repulse Bay.



Mr. H. Foster, an old man of Stoke Albany, near Market Harborough, Northants, was once postillion to King George V. He still possesses his splendid uniforms and nowadays spends his days chopping wood on a farm. Photo shows Betty and Lena Tann, young friends of Mr. Foster (in picture) try on the old uniforms. The uniforms are in red with solid gold braid and facings and he is very proud of them. (Copyright).



U.B. PILSENER

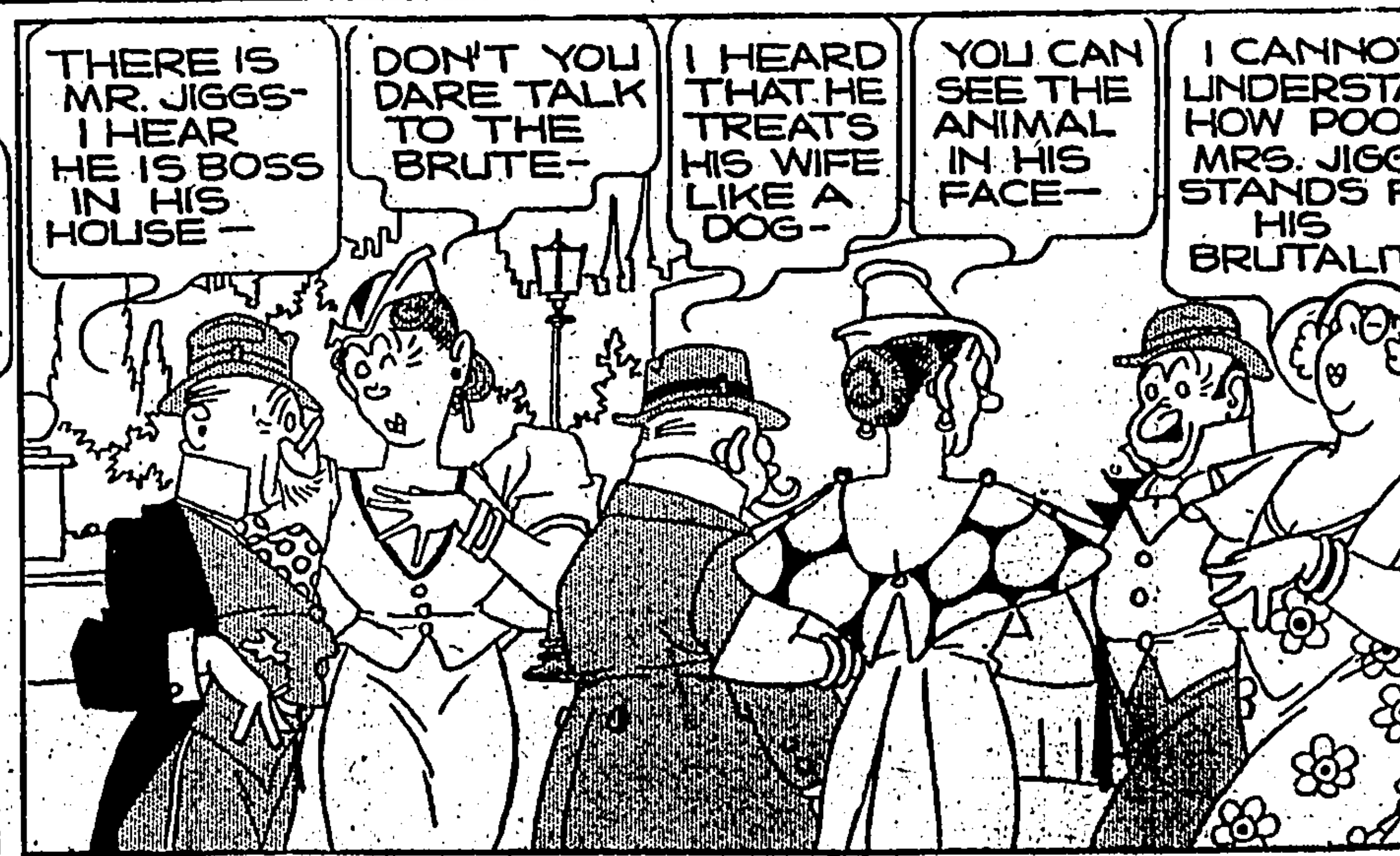
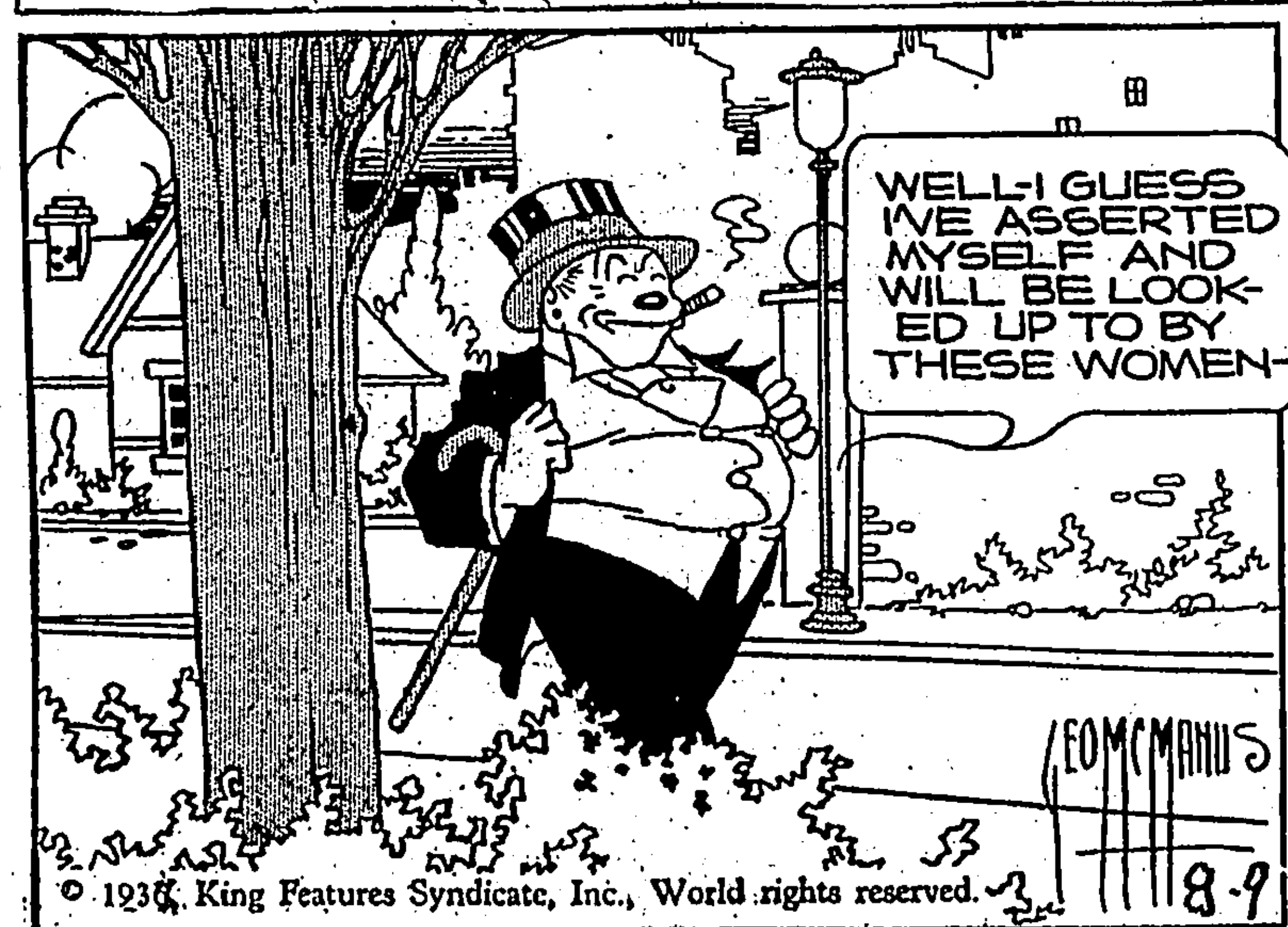
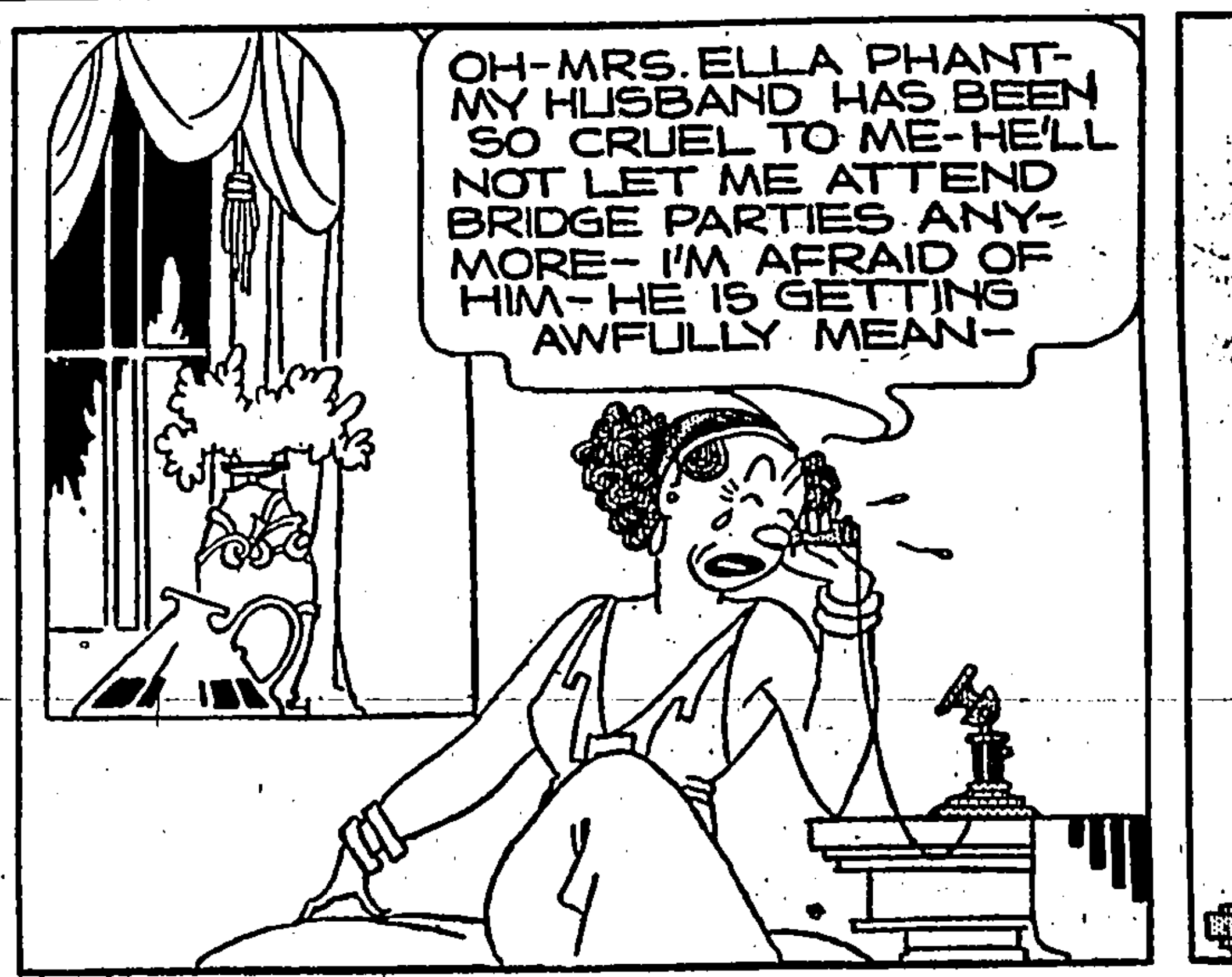
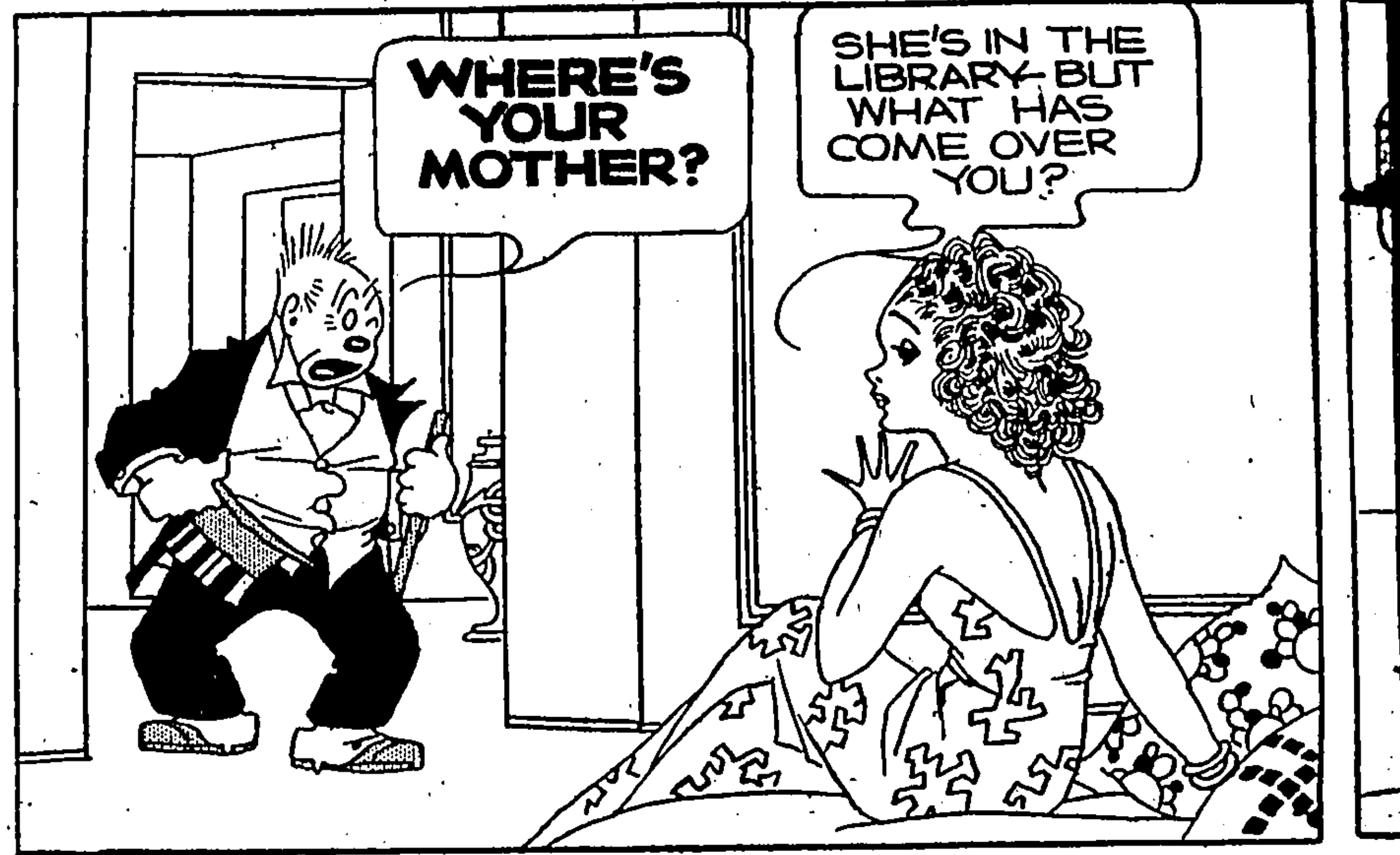
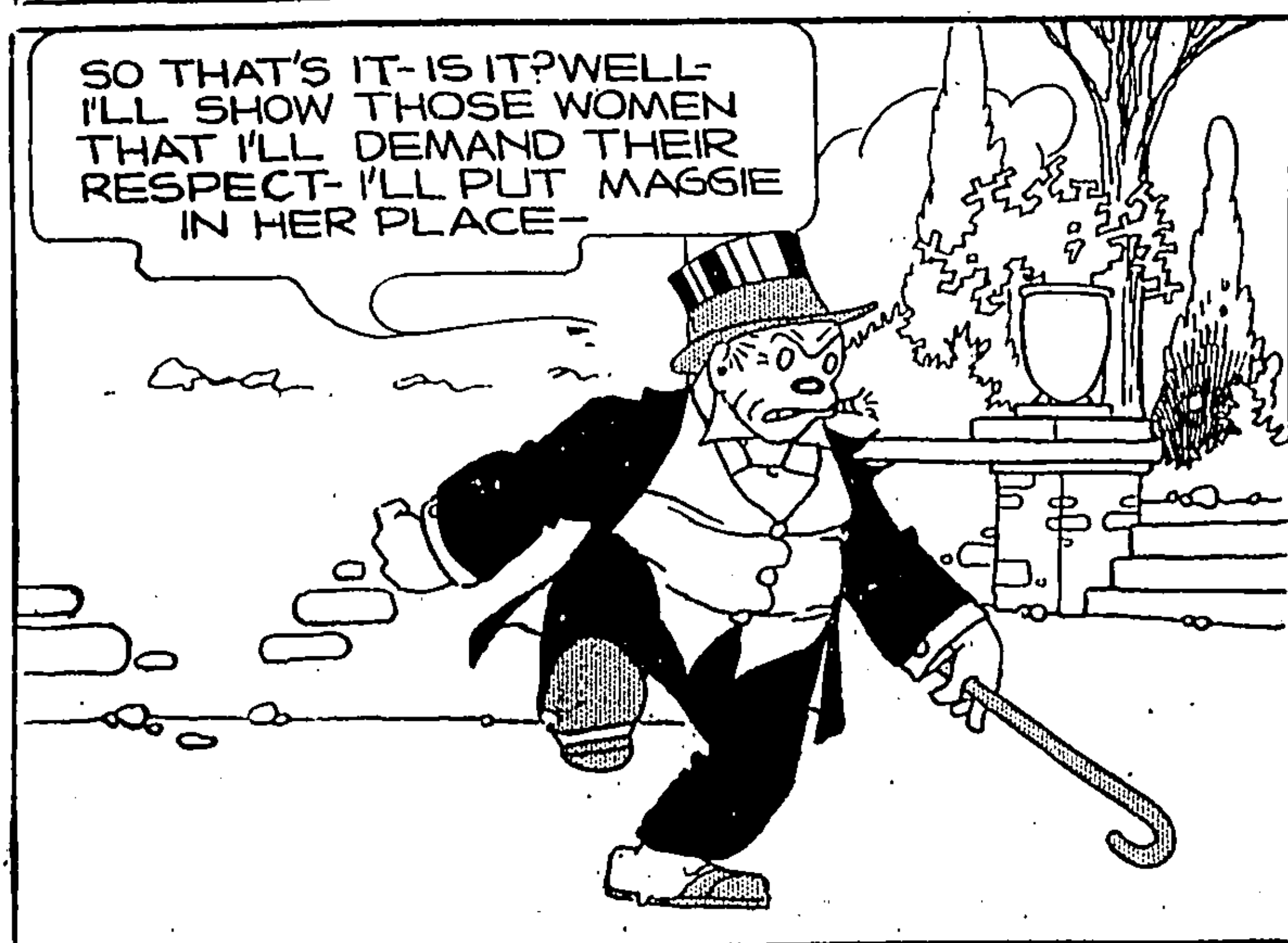
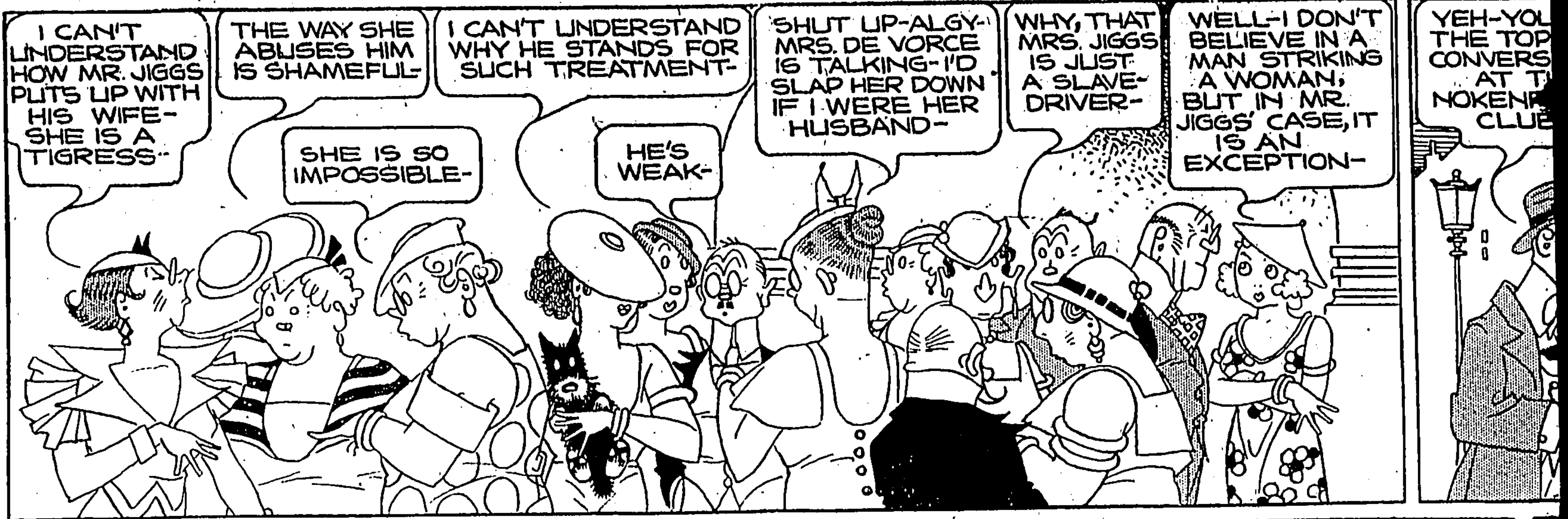
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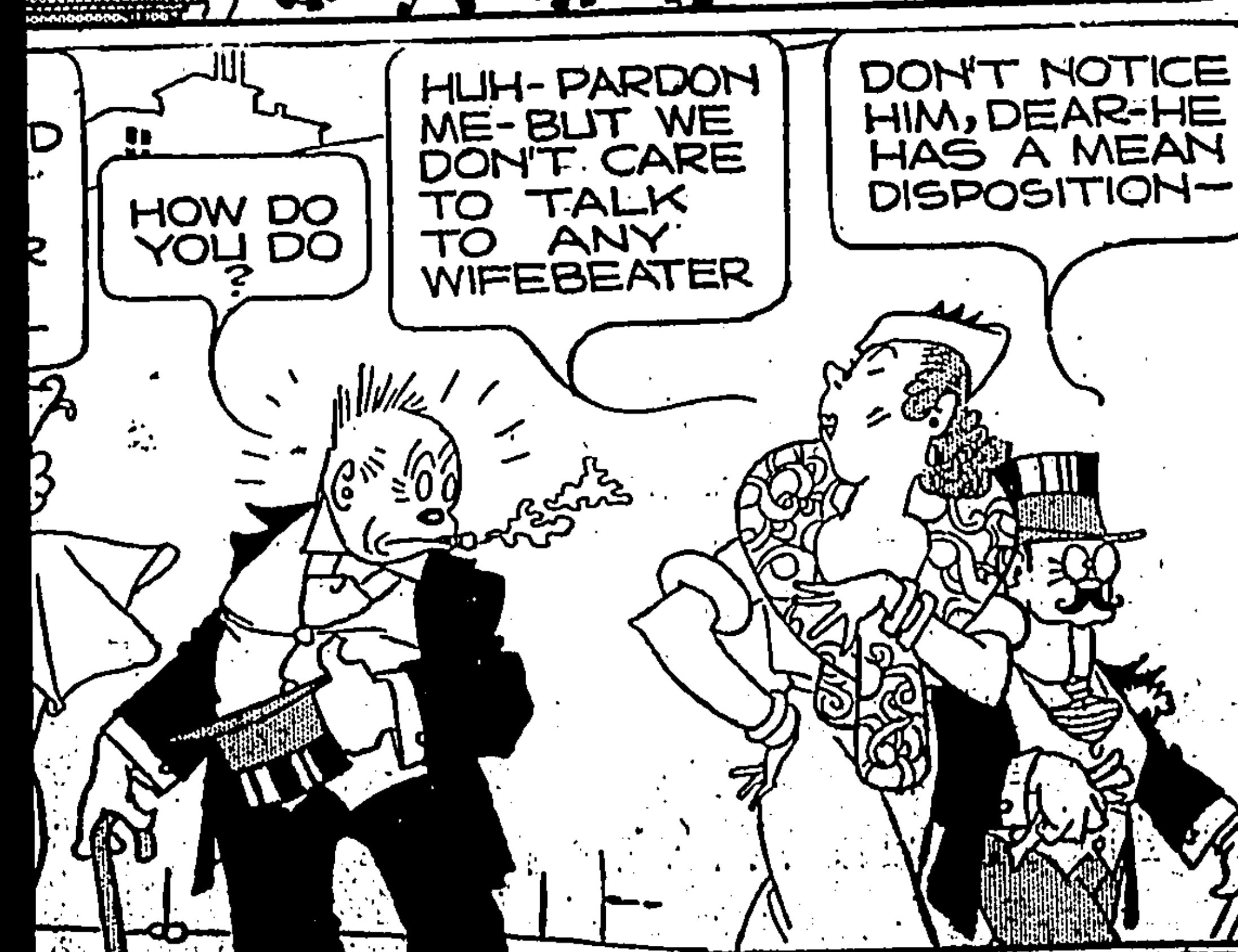
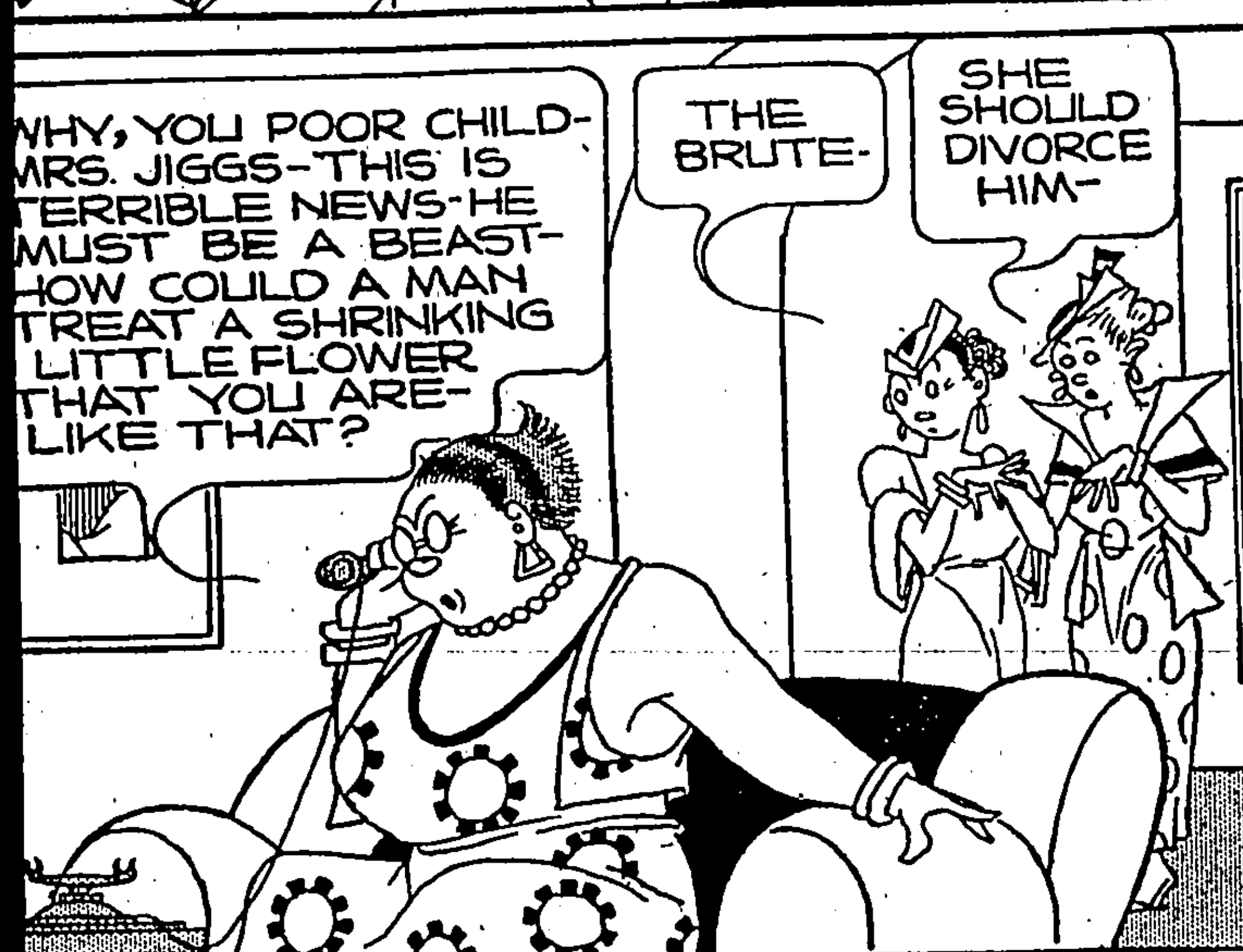
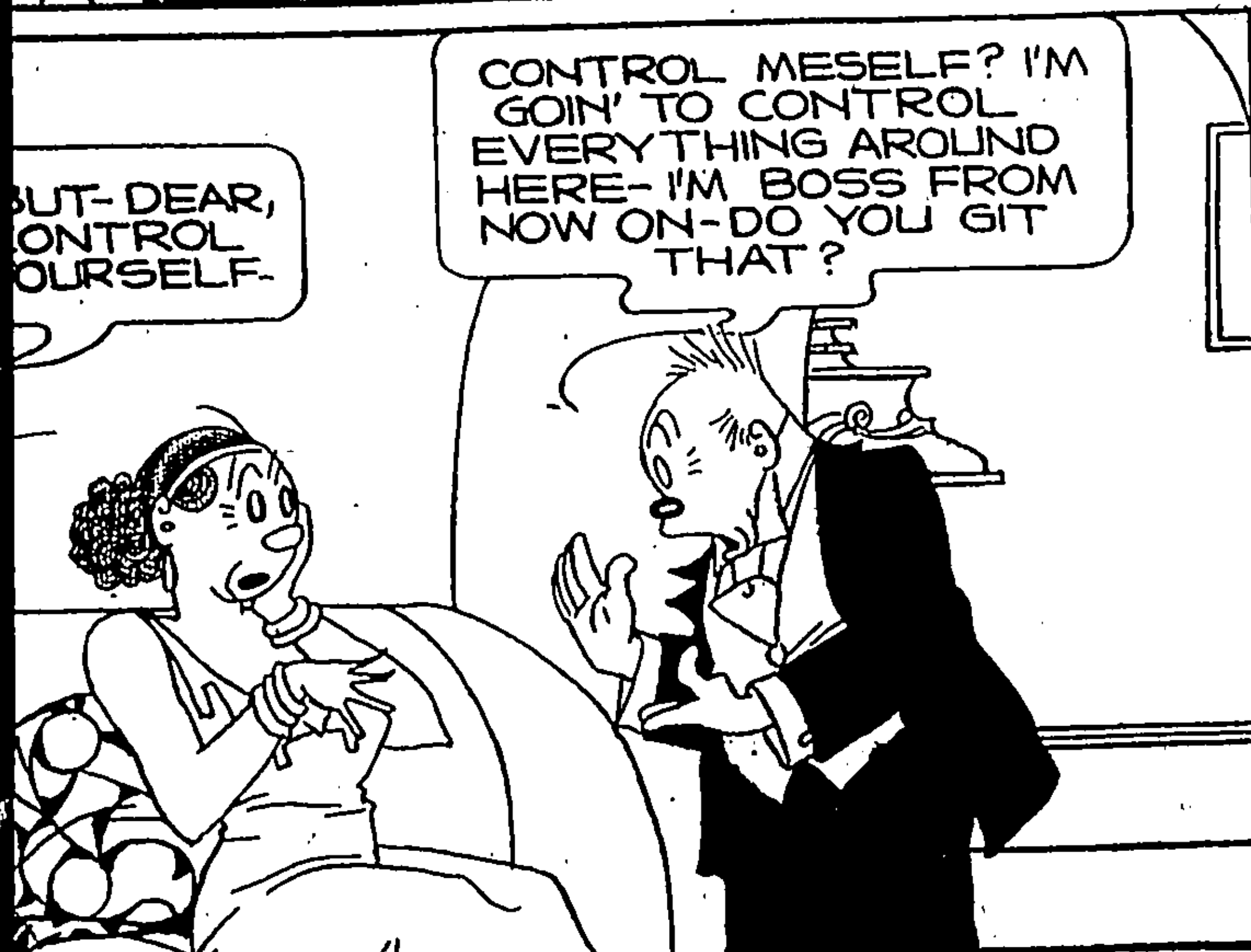
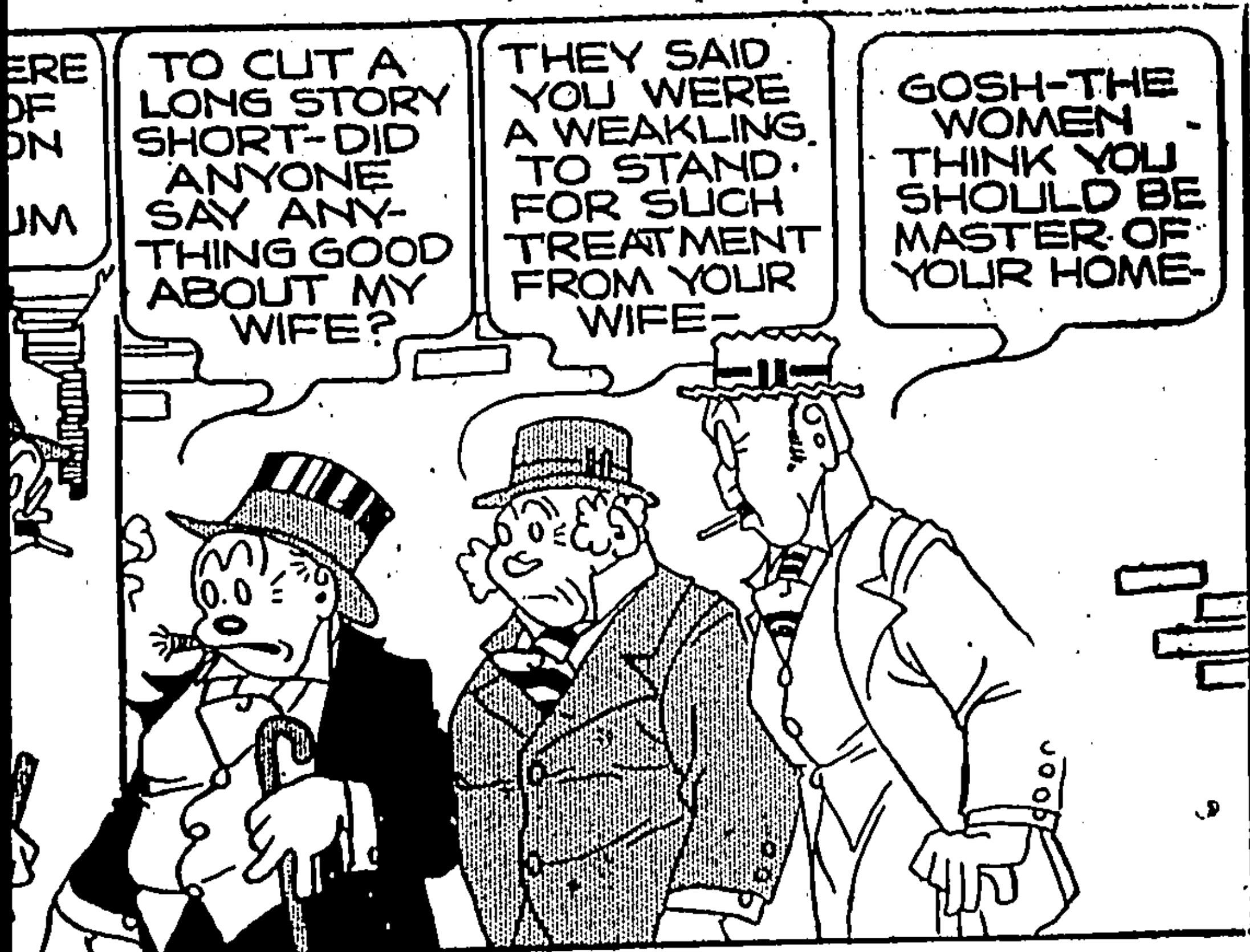
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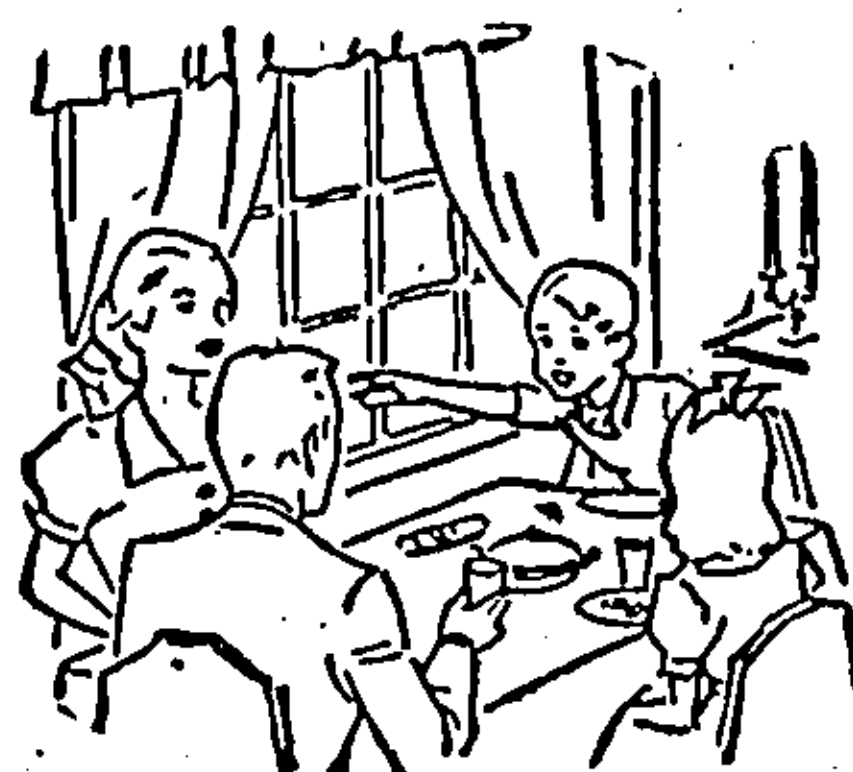


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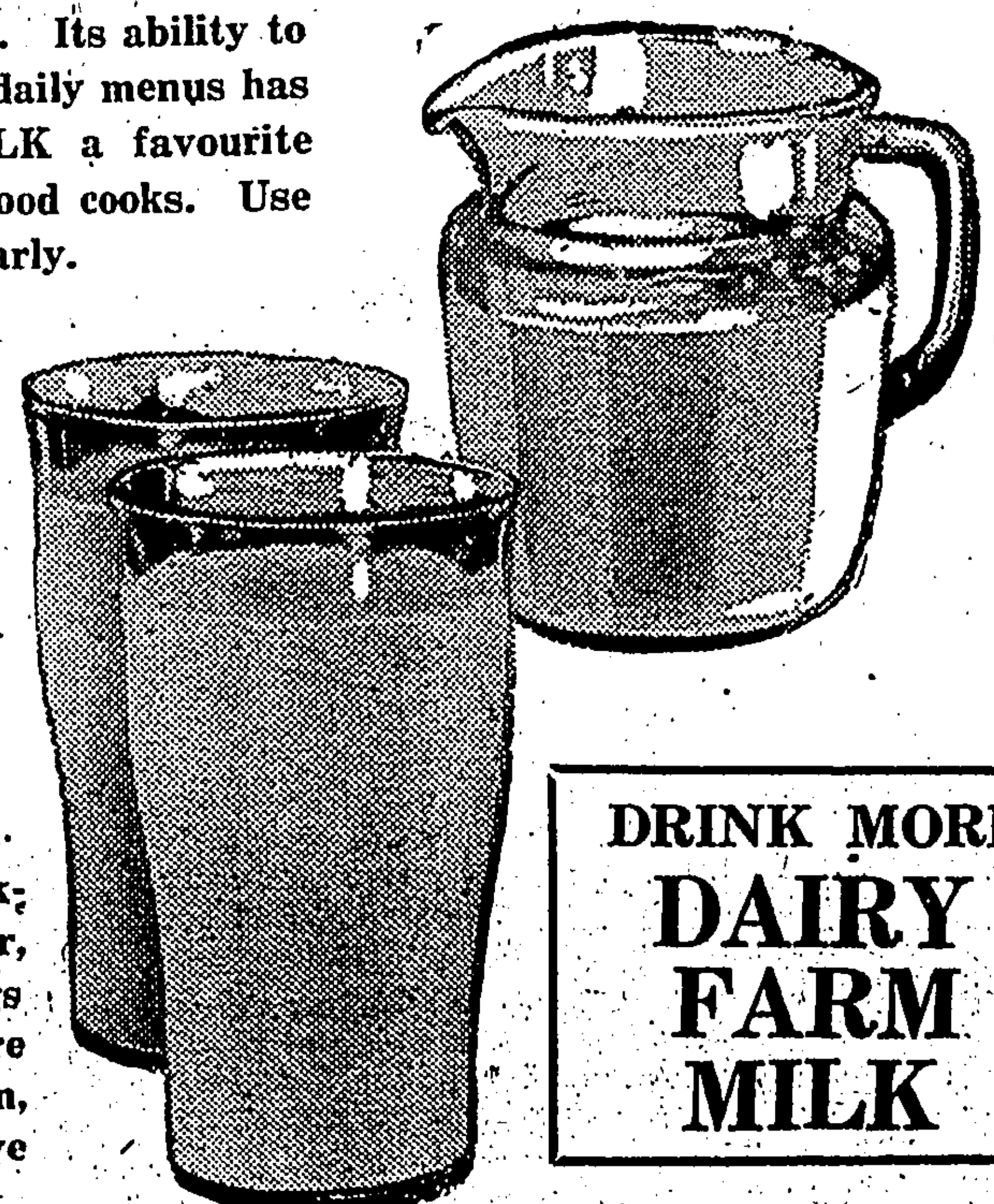
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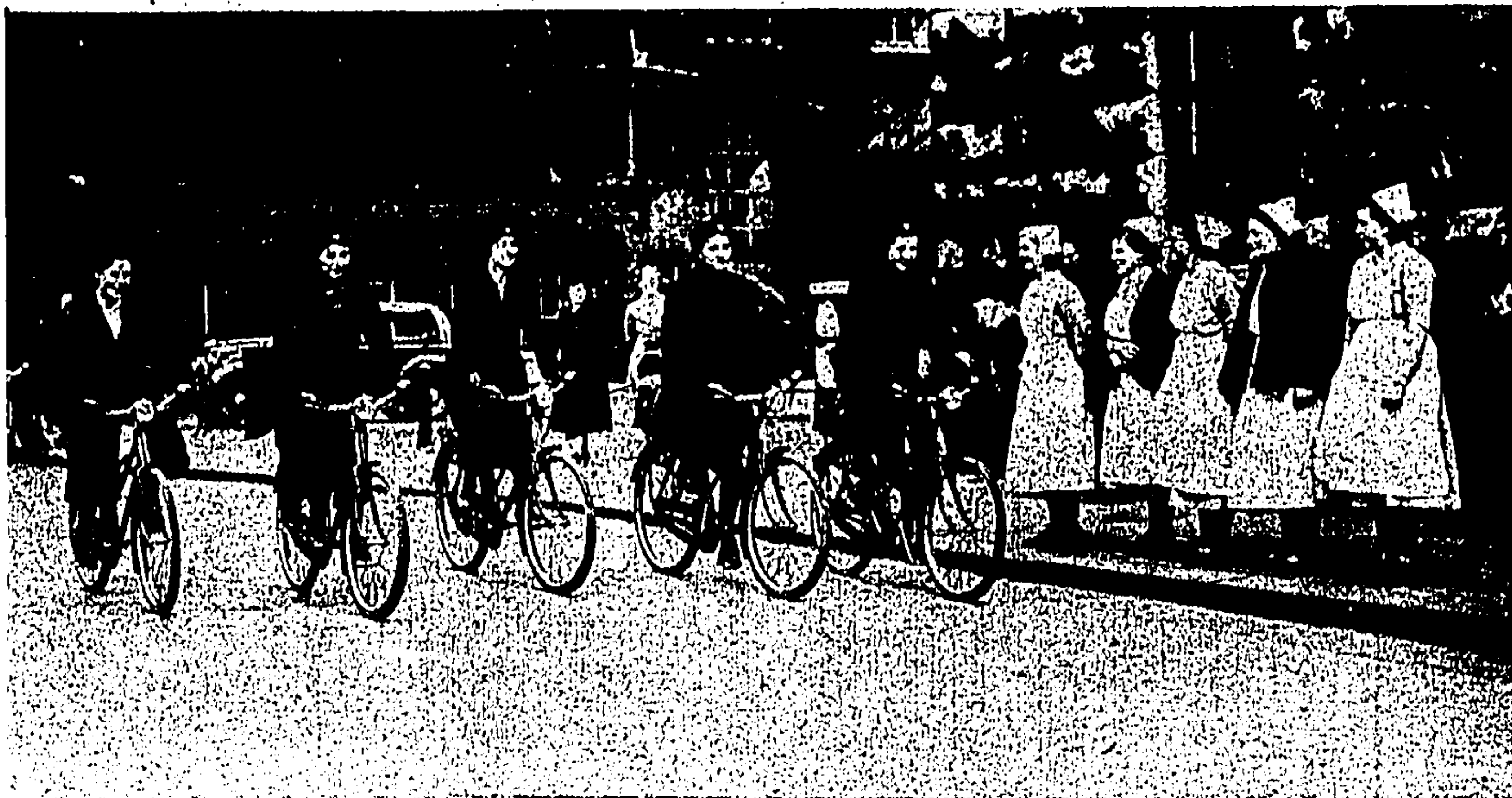
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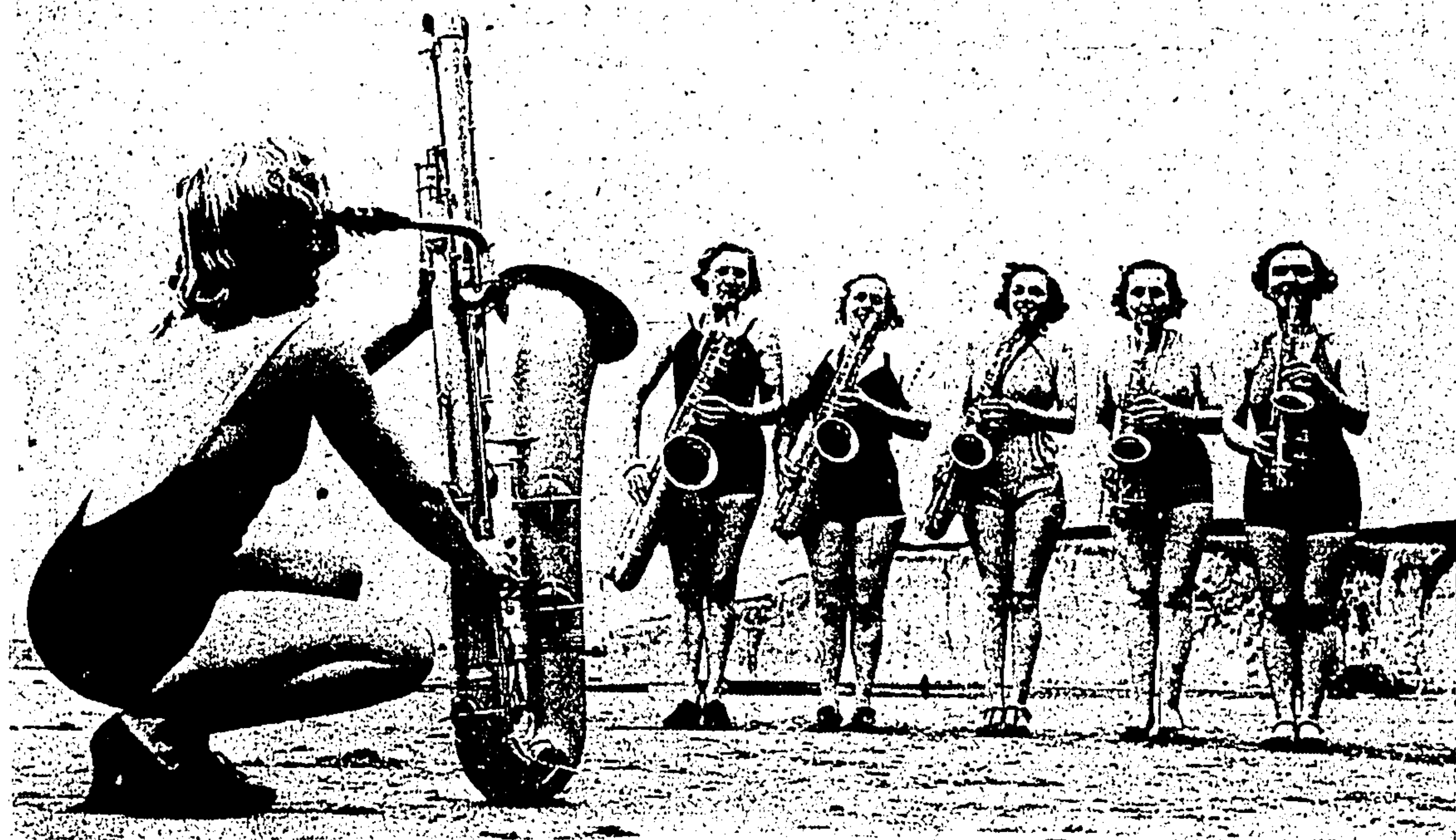
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AUTHORS AND INSPIRATION

RECENTLY there has been a prolonged search into the subject of inspiration, as it affects modern authors. The results are interesting.

It is revealed that Sir Philip Gibbs has never been aware of any direct inspiration while writing; that H. G. Wells has no ideas on the matter; and several other authors are sure that their works were the result of personal effort.

Here it might be well to mention a definition of inspiration. "It is suggested that inspiration is a real thing, that it comes from outside the human instrument which uses it."

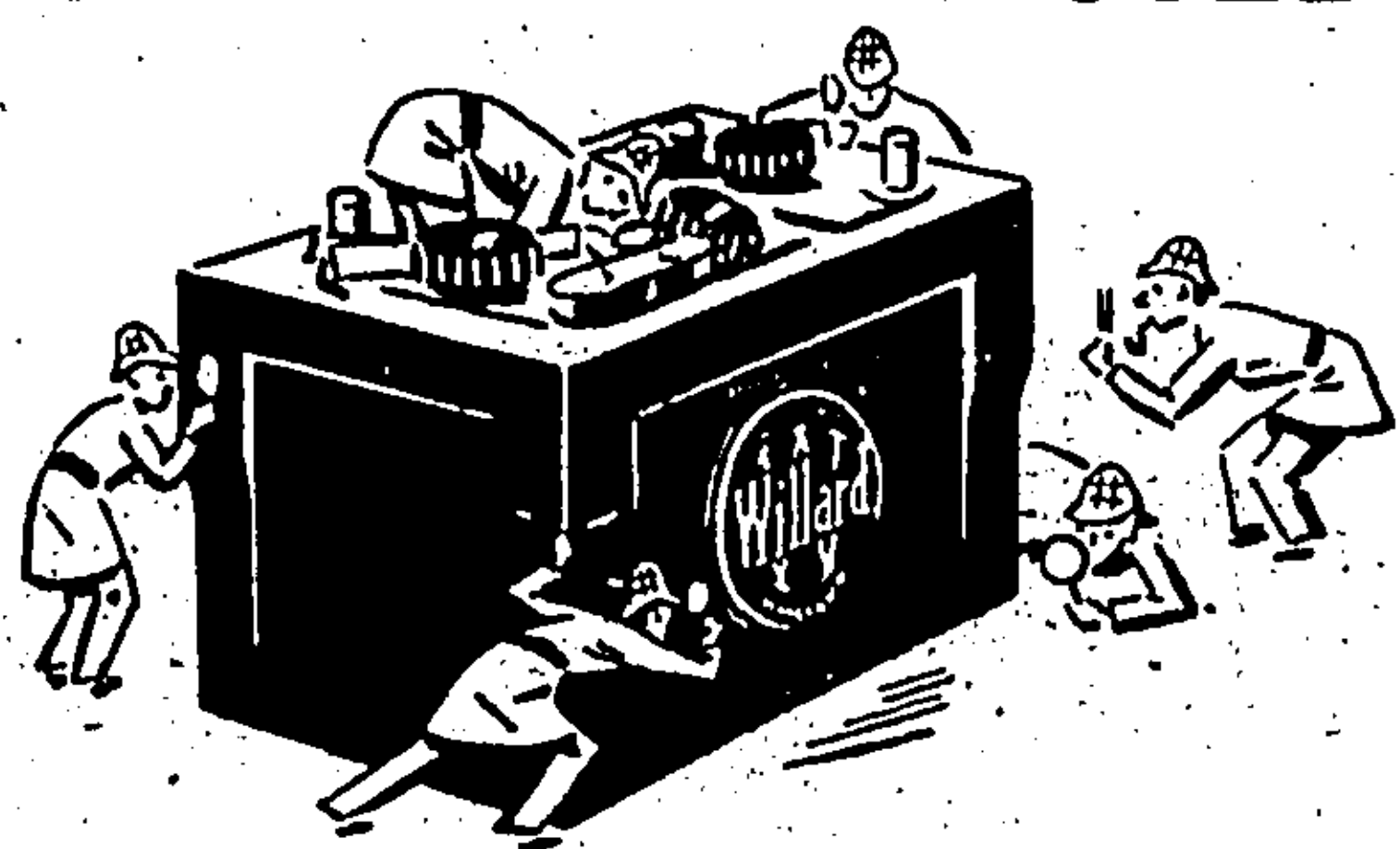
Of those novelists who believe there is something in that definition, Hugh Walpole tells us that when he read over his novel, "The Old Ladies," he did not know where the story had come from or why he had been driven to write on such a subject. "The whole thing was very mysterious."

Hall Caine dreamed the plot of "The Woman of Knockaloe" three times in one night, and "was under compulsion to write the story." Of one of his books, Robert Blatchford says: "I wrote as if from dictation. I was 'inspired.' Oh, yes. The sub-mind inspired me. What is the sub-mind? I have not the least idea."

Arnold Bennett considered that inspiration was "an unexplained phenomenon. One becomes used to it."

G. K. Chesterton leaned towards a belief in inspiration, but added humorously, "Personally, however, I would rather take the responsibility of my own dreadful works myself."

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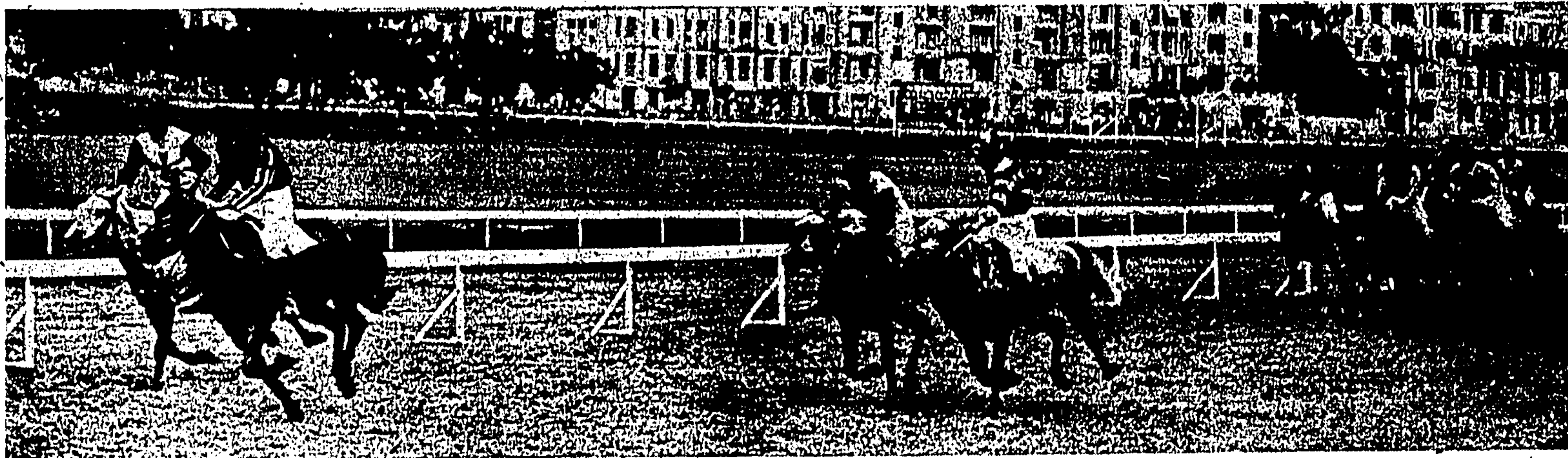
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Early Bird's Split Hand (Ip Kui Ying) winning the Nanling Stakes at the Valley last Saturday in a close finish from J. Lo's Lancashire Chap (L. B. Chao). ("Mail" photo).

ONE COULD SING

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to be possible to get her through the part by sheer drilling. Anyhow, I decided to give her a fair trial.

"It was a heart-breaking business for us all knocking her into shape. I certainly shouldn't have gone on as a sort of elementary school of dramatic art if I hadn't hoped her singing was going to make up for her deficiencies and my sweat.

"It did. Her number made Sophie Kenyon squirm with jealousy.

"Shortly after we opened Sophie's understudy went down with pneumonia, contracted after a week-end boating expedition with my new prodigy. Then I heard the prodigy surreptitiously trying over some of Sophie's numbers—but not so surreptitiously that she can't have known I was about. I took another chance and did some more strenuous drilling.

"Then Sophie tripped over a ladder that somebody had carelessly left in the way and broke her ankle.

"That was just the sort of thing the public, led by the Press, could gloat over—not Sophie's misfortune, but the birth of a nightingale from nowhere to play the leading part in what might have been her own story."

Joe sat up and slowly reached for the decanter. "So Elsa Paget was made!"

"Elsa Paget!" I echoed. "I was wondering how it had happened. I didn't know it was you who gave her a start."

Joe replenished the glasses. "I've given a good many starts," he grinned. "Some by accident, some by design — and I never know how they're going to turn out.

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"Shortly after Elsa's ascent to stardom I happened to be talking to a certain wealthy peer, with a lot of financial irons in the theatrical fire, and a sense of the theatrical in his own make-up that suggested second childhood. He confided in me that he had just been secretly married.

"No. It wasn't Elsa. It was much more romantic than that. It was some sweet little girl he'd befriended late one night in a snowstorm, when she'd put her knee out. He wanted to introduce me, and I put off an important appointment to go and dine with him.

"No. It wasn't Elsa. But it was very like her. It was her sister. When I was left alone with her for a few minutes after dinner she was quite unabashed. She

actually thanked me for giving her a start.

"The kneecap trick, it seemed, had been Elsa's idea, but she knew she'd never get away with it herself. So the sister did it for her. And she was so satisfied with the result that she tried it again on her own account. And yet again.

"In fact, she'd made a comfortable living out of the sympathy of the kind-hearted, but she had never hoped to rise quite so quickly to the dizzy heights of the peerage."

Joe sank back again into his chair. "One could sing," he said thoughtfully. "And the other could act. If they'd only been born into one body! What a star!"

LEOPOLD TO SELL VILLA OF MEMORIES

HAPPY were the hours that King Leopold of the Belgians spent with his Queen and children by the blue waters of Lake Lucerne . . . but memories are painful, so painful that the King has now decided to sell his lovely villa there.

It was from the villa that he set out for the drive which ended in the crash that claimed Queen Astrid.

That was in August, 1935.

Since then King Leopold has paid only two visits to the house which held so many happy memories.

The last one was eighteen months ago, when, with his three children, he walked sadly round the lovely grounds,

"I will never come here again," he said.

Forgot He Was A King

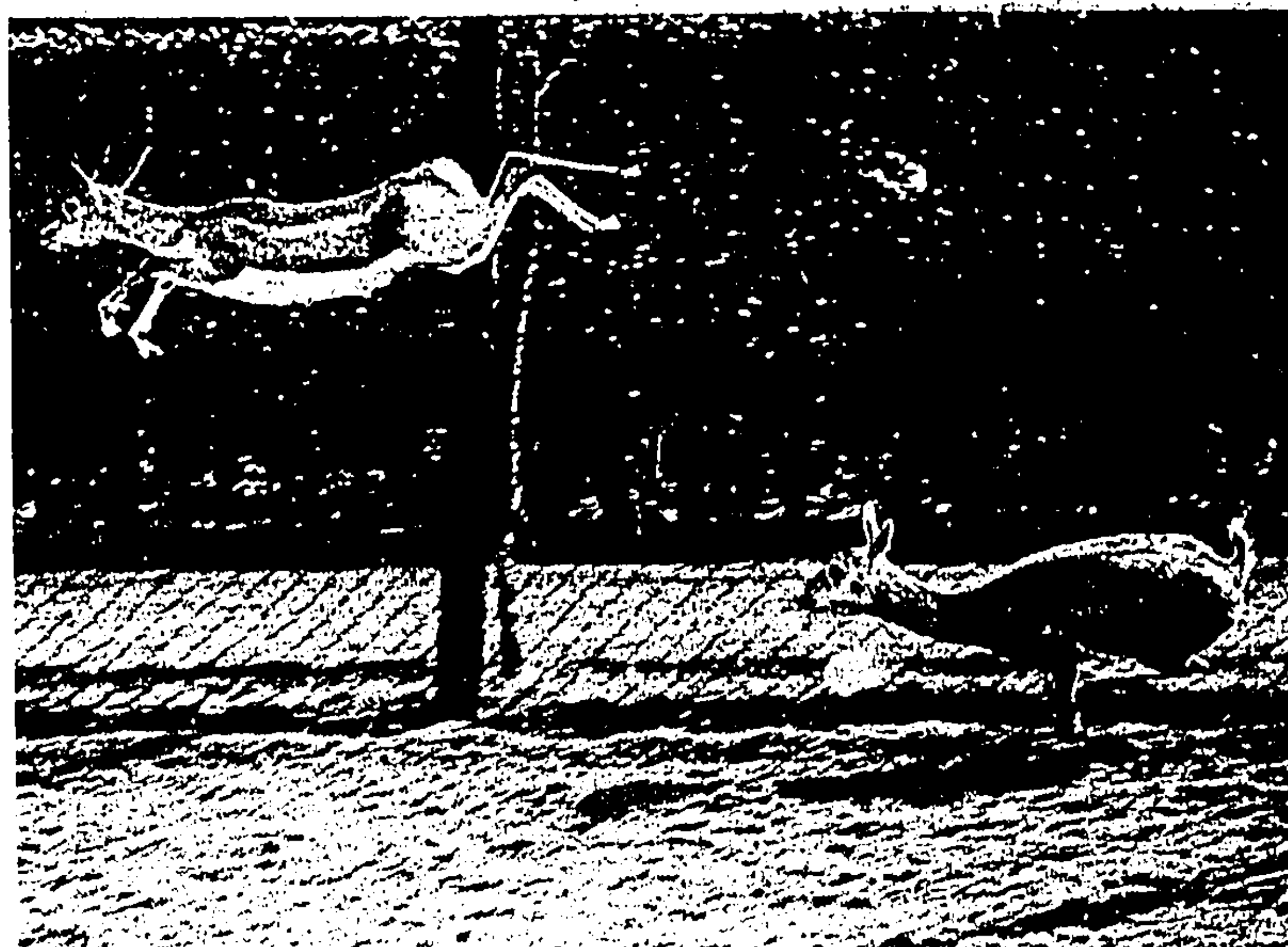
The villa was shut up; notice boards "For Sale" gave it a derelict appearance.

Now the house has been bought by a wealthy Basle merchant. Workmen are busy repairing and re-painting. Gardeners are smartening the neglected gardens.

It was at Haslihorn, as the villa is called, that King Leopold spent care-free days, away from State duties.

There he played with his children; bathed in the lake and forgot he was a King.

But memories can be painful.



Our photographer found Spring in the air when he visited the Edinburgh Zoo. At least that's what the Indian antelopes did when they entered their enclosure. (Copyright).

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WELL, I'LL TELL YOU—

Pret' near any job would be a lot easier if a fella'd just think about what he's tryin' to accomplish instead of how much work he's doing. The reason an old man can walk five miles round a golf course is because he keeps thinkin' about what he's gonna do to that ball when he gets to it. If he had to get out and walk five miles down a good paved highway, it would probably kill him.

I know an old man who ran an elevator for 35 years. Finally one day he went to the boss and he says "I'm quittin'—the elevator inspector told me to-day that that thing weighs 4,000 lb. and that's too heavy a load for an old man like me to be liftin'."

—By Bob Burns.

A Soft Answer

"My dear," said a wife to her husband, "do you realise that you have forgotten that this is my anniversary?"

"Yes, dearie, I did forget it," replied the husband. "Isn't it natural that I should? There isn't really anything about you to remind me that you are a day older than you were when I first met you."

FURNITURE-SAVERS

A man and woman were having a scrap in the street.

"You hound!" cried the woman. "I'll teach you a lesson, I will. I'll knock your head off."

"Oh, you will, will you?" roared the man, as he landed a nice right to the jaw. "And what will I be doing while you're knocking me about? Take that, and that."

At this point a policeman intervened.

"Just a moment," he said.

"What's going on here?"

The woman glared at the intruder.

"You keep out of this," she advised. "This man is my husband. We've been married for ten years."

"Well, then," declared the officer, "why don't you two do your fighting at home instead of in public?"

"What?" cried the man. "And break all the furniture?"

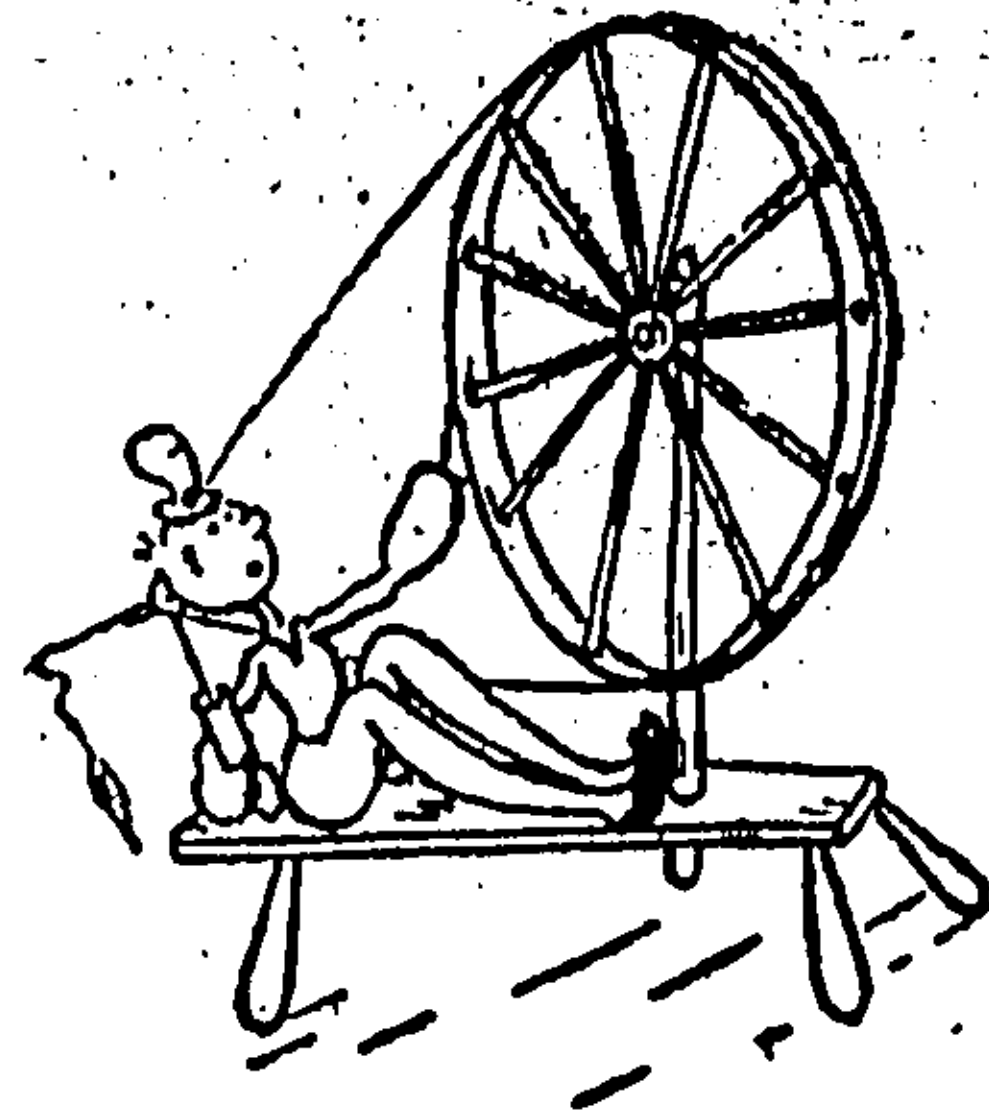
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In The Webster Household

"What is a high brow, Dad?"

"Usually just a big bluff."

Somesense Rhymes



The wheels of long ago were slow,
And yet a good beginning;
If modern wheels were like them, though,
We wouldn't call them "spinning."

Reciprocity

"Have you anything to give a needy fellow?" asked a tramp.

The young housewife looked hastily about the home, and presently appeared with an old suit of clothes, saying: "Here, my good man, take these!"

"Thank you, lady!" said the tramp. "I only hope that I shall be in a position to do the same for you some day!"

Obsolete Metaphor

"Senator, don't you think you are trying to rise too rapidly in your political career?" asked the constituent.

"No," replied Senator Tarbeel. "Remember, the poet wrote: 'The heights by great men reached and kept were not attained by sudden flight.'"

"Yes," Senator: "but that was written long ago, before they had tall buildings with modern elevators."

His Alibi

An Italian having applied for citizenship, was being examined in the naturalisation court.

"Who is the President of the United States?"

"Mr. Rosfelt."

"Who is the Vice-President?"

"Mr. Garter."

"If the President should go away, who then would act as President?"

"Mr. Garter."

"Could you be President?"

"No."

"Why?"

"Mister, you 'scuse, please. I vera busy—worka da mine."

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Judging From The Ride

The guide was conducting a tourist party through the automobile plant. He stopped by the assembly line. "Do you know what would happen if that man over there ever missed a day at work?" he asked the members of the party.

"No; what would happens?" spoke up one.

"Twenty-two hundred and sixty-one cars would go out of the factory without springs."

"Say, mister," said an interested onlooker, "that fellow's been off a lot hasn't he?"

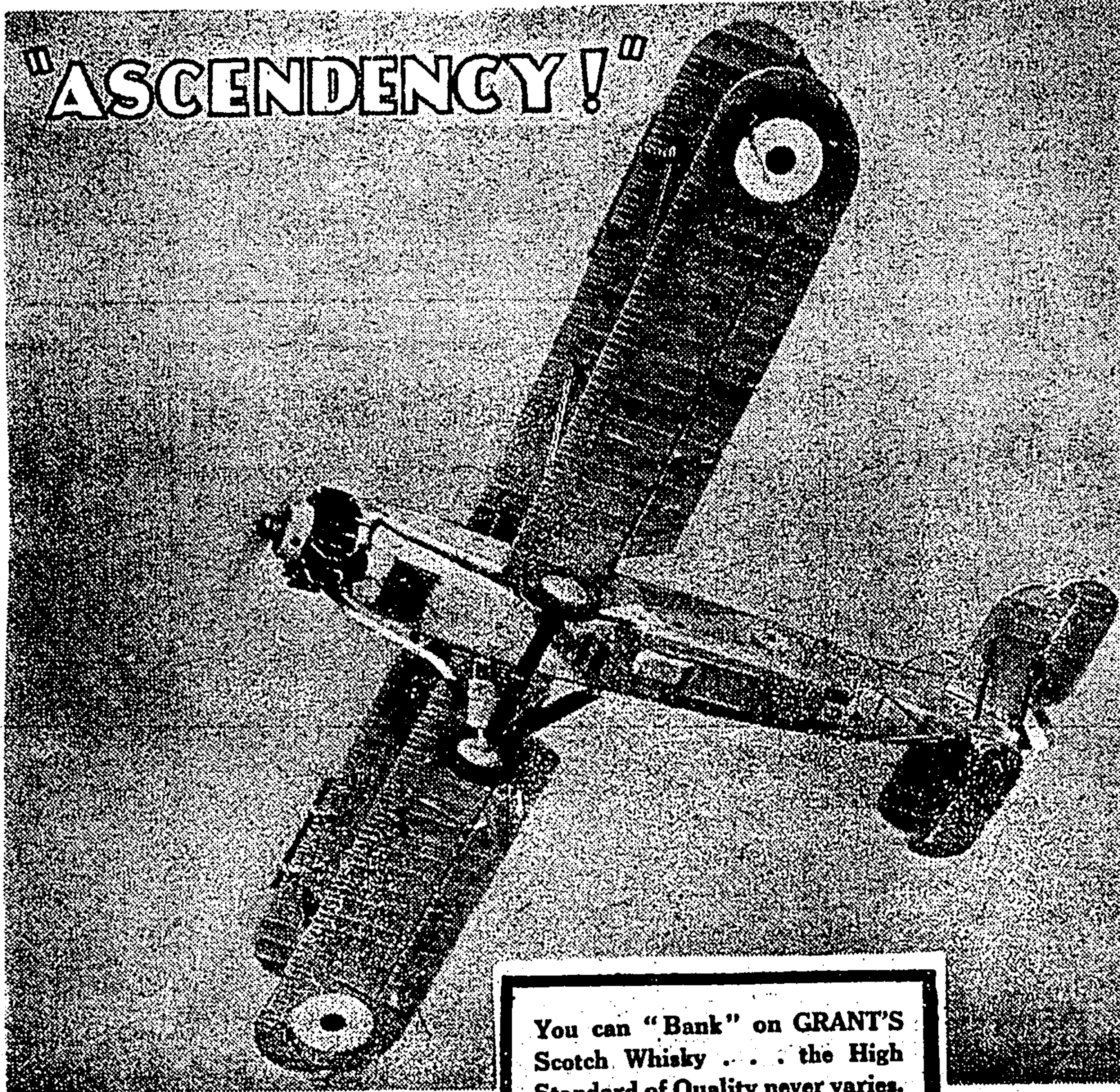
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Hm'm!

A church congregation was giving a reception to a former pastor in the receiving line greeted his predecessor heartily. "Ah, how pleasant to see you again," he said. "And is this your most charming wife?"

The other minister fixed his host with an accusing stare. "This," he said reprovingly, "is my only wife."

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SIR JOHN SIMON DEFENDS FINANCIAL POLICY IN THE COMMONS

London, To-day.

The Finance Bill was debated in the Commons last night. Mr. A. V. Alexander, for the Labour Opposition reminded the Government that they had come into power in 1931 on the claim that they would safeguard the country's finances by orthodox methods and, he declared, they had increased the deadweight debt from £7,400,000,000 to £8,500,000,000, and started a series of unbalanced budgets after absorbing for expenditure the whole of the economies on the war loan conversion operation.

His criticism of the Finance Bill he based on the contrast he sought to draw between the profiteering which he alleged was taking place out of rearmament and from State subsidies on the one hand, and the heavy indirect taxation on the other.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, replying, rebutted the suggestion that burden of taxation was inequitably distributed and mentioned that as a result of the graduated scale and allowances, the only income tax payers who suffered the full rate of 5s. 6d. in the pound were those who fell in the surtax class and who numbered only about 100,000. These 100,000, he estimated, pay £265,000,000 in taxation while about half of that sum was contributed by about 10,000 out of the 100,000, whose incomes exceeded £10,000.

TWO PROPOSITIONS

Coming to the question of strict balancing of the budget, and borrowing, Sir John Simon said he kept two propositions in mind in considering the right course to adopt. The first was that borrowing only postponed payment, it did not obviate it; and the second that the increased burdens they faced to-day were not likely to be reduced quickly or substantially.

In these circumstances, he thought he was justified in following a middle course but as he expected he had been attacked from both sides — by the financial purists and by those who thought he should have borrowed to meet the whole of the exceptionally high expenditure on defence.

FACING BURDEN

He claimed the general good sense of the country as a whole approved the middle course.

He called attention to the fact that observers abroad and critics all over the world were not reproaching the British with failing to pay their way because they had used two resources — borrowing and taxation. They were much more impressed by the fact that the country was resolutely facing the burden, without avoiding taxation.

Answering Mr. Alexander's observations on the debt, the Chancellor pointed out that though there had been an increase in the dead-weight debt of nearly £600,000,000 since 1931, £550,000,000 of it was due to the Exchange

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS HELD UP

The Imperial Airways liner due from Bangkok to-day has been held up at Bangkok by the non-arrival of the mails by the main line machine. The date and time of her arrival is uncertain.

Equalisation Fund and nearly all of it was supported by asset.

A.R.P. SAFEGUARD

The Chancellor then made an important announcement on the relief to be afforded in respect of air raid precautions. He said the government would introduce legislation to secure that the annual values of properties should not be increased for the purposes either of income tax under Schedule 'A' or for rating by reason of expenditure incurred in structural alterations, additions or improvements, made solely for the purpose of protection in the event of air raids.

Turning to the charges of profiteering, Sir John Simon said there was no proof that there had been vast profiteering in armaments. As soon as the armaments programme began, the Government had set to work to try and devise machinery to ensure that the rate of profit on contracts should be reasonable and not excessive.

INCREDIBLE FIGURE

In conclusion, the Chancellor spoke of the staggering increase of taxation and expenditure over recent generations. A £1,000,000,000 Budget would have seemed incredible when he first entered the Commons in 1906. He recalled that there had been only one Chancellor of the Exchequer in recent generations who had never produced a Budget Lord Randolph Churchill resigned, in December, 1886, and thus did not open his Budget because he resisted the demands of the Service Departments totalling £13,000,000.

To-day they were proposing to spend £343,000,000 in one year on defence. But they would find this expenditure for the sake of the defence of their native land, for the security of the beliefs and the convictions they held. They would spend this vast sum for the sake of liberty, which as it got rare, got dearer, and for its precious liberty, the country was prepared to pay the price. — British Wireless.

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TRADE UNIONS AND REARMAMENT

London, To-day.

It is officially stated that the Prime Minister, who was accompanied by Lord Halifax and Sir Thomas Inskip, yesterday morning met the General Council of the Trade Congress in continuation of the meeting held on 23rd March, when the question of the acceleration of the rearmament programme was under discussion.

On behalf of the Council, Sir Walter Citrine and certain of his colleagues raised a number of points concerning the international situation and the proposals for the acceleration of rearmament. The Prime Minister and his colleagues replied to these points in the course of a general discussion. Members of the Council were at No. 10, Downing Street for one hour and a half. — British Wireless.

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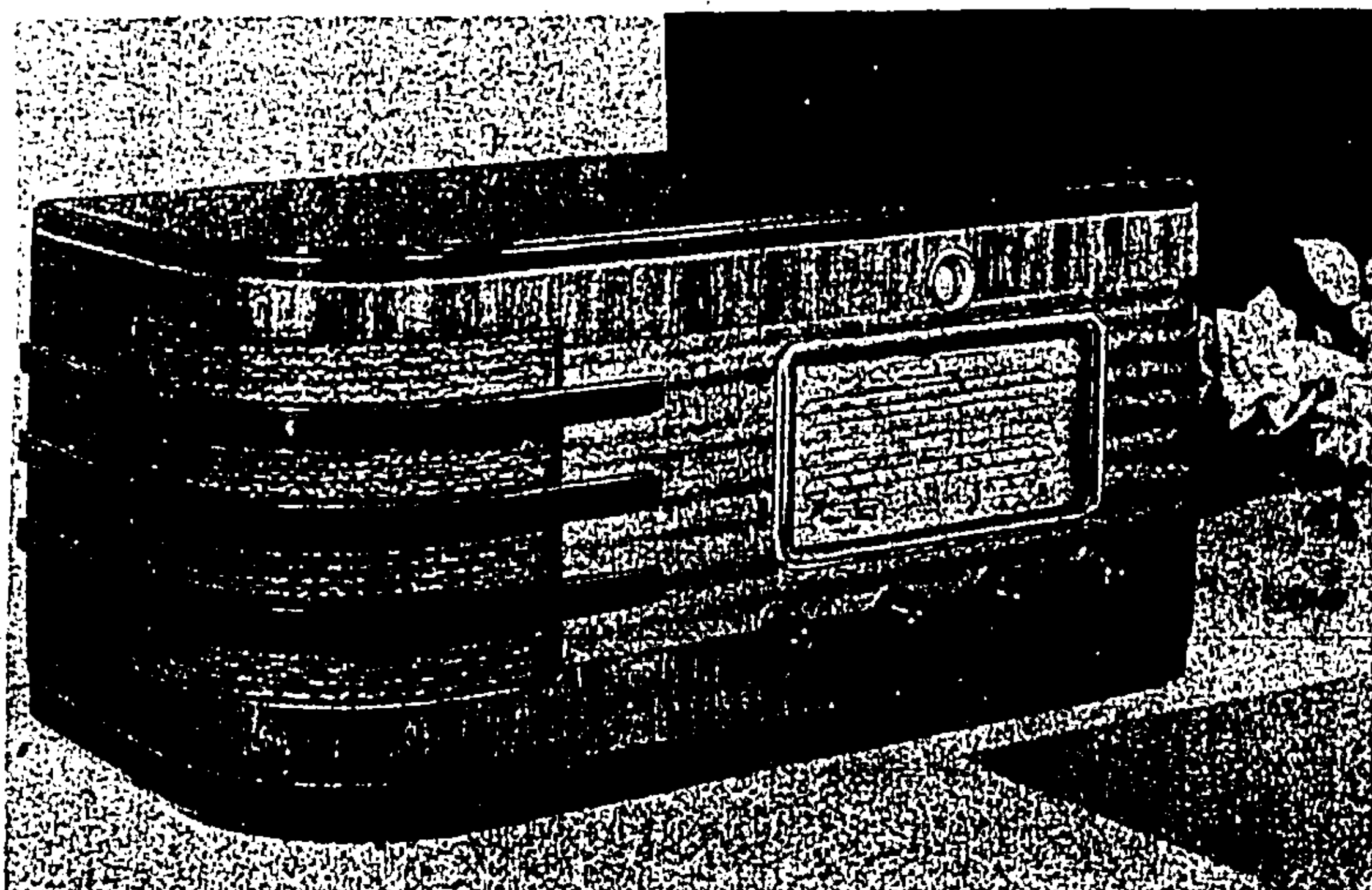
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MOSCOW'S LOYALTY TO OBLIGATIONS: DOUBTS IF TENSION IS OVER

Moscow, To-day.

Nobody doubts the Soviet's loyalty to its treaty obligations, writes "Izvestia" on the events in Czecho-Slovakia.

The newspaper expresses the opinion that tension exists in spite of the momentary lull.

THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT THE "FASCIST AGGRESSOR" WILL NOT TRY FULL-SPEED TACTICS IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AND NO CONCESSION BY THE CZECHS WILL AVERT WAR UNLESS THE FASCIST AGGRESSOR IS MADE TO REALISE THAT EUROPE DOES NOT INTEND TO SACRIFICE ONE OF THE LAST STRONGHOLDS OF PEACE IN CZECHO-SLOVAKIA.—REUTER.

Berlin, To-day.

No fresh incidents have been reported from Czecho-Slovakia or along the Czech frontier during the past 24 hours. — Reuter.

NEW WARNING

Berlin, To-day.

A new warning in connection with the Czecho-Slovakian issue appears in the National Socialist Party organ, the "Voelkischer Beobachter."

The paper states that the tension has not relaxed and the peril not passed.

After stressing the calm attitude adopted by Germany and the Sudeten Germans in face of the Czech provocations, it launches a sharp attack upon the press of the Western democracies for having given the whole affair the character of a European crisis.

In view of "the continuation of Czech excesses," it goes on to say, Germany invites the Powers, Britain in particular, to come with the greatest possible number of reliable observers to the Sudeten German country in order to form their own idea of the peril in all its aspects.—Trans-Ocean.

MOSCOW VIEW

Moscow, To-day.

The European political situation continues to be serious, says a statement issued by the official Tass agency to the Soviet press yesterday. "There is no reason for optimism displayed by Paris and London circles. It has become evident that London and Paris exerted a new pressure upon Prague in order to extort new concessions from Prague." — Trans-Ocean.

M. JAN MASARYK IN PRAGUE

Prague, To-day.

Jan Masaryk, Czecho-Slovakian Minister in London, arrived by plane yesterday, bringing to the Czecho-Slovakian Government the proposal by Lord Halifax on Wednesday that neutral observers should be sent to Czecho-Slovakia, particularly to Sudeten German territory.

M. Masaryk will have conversations with M. Benes, Dr. Hodza and Dr. Krofta to-day. The Czecho-Slovakian Government will thereafter hold a Council of Ministers to decide their attitude on the British proposal.—Trans-Ocean.

ARAB ATTACKS IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem, To-day.

Arab irregulars carried out numerous attacks in various parts of Palestine yesterday, chiefly on military camps in the mountains, on the aerodrome at Lydda and on several Jewish settlements.

A police patrol not far from Jaffa was attacked by Arab irregulars, one Englishman being killed.

The patrol was busy removing a mine placed by irregulars beneath a bridge. When British reinforcements arrived the Arabs were driven back and seven Arab irregulars were taken captive by the British troops.—Trans-Ocean.

POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTION URGE

Prague, To-day.

Several Czecho-Slovakian municipalities have petitioned for the postponement of the municipal elections of 29th May and 12th June, states the "Neue Morgenpost" to-day.

The reason for the petition is reported to be that a considerable number of those entitled to vote are among those called up this week for military service.

Competent authorities have not yet reached any decision regarding the petition.—Trans-Ocean.

ITALIAN WOUNDED FROM SPAIN

Rome, To-day.

The Italian hospital ship, "Aquila," arrived at Naples yesterday with 600 wounded Italian volunteers from Spain, 500 of them from the "Littorio" and "23rd March" divisions and of the storm detachments, "Black Arrow" and "Blue Arrow."

The population gave the home-comers an enthusiastic welcome.—Trans-Ocean.

Pointing out that only one side of Saigon Street was open for the parking of motor-cars, Mr. Q. A. A. MacFadyen imposed a fine of \$5 on Mr. C. L. Williams, of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, who admitted a breach of the traffic regulations on being summoned at the Kowloon Police Court this morning.

SENSATIONAL WARD PRICE INTERVIEW WITH HENLEIN

Sudeten Leader Denies Statement Was Authorised

"Three Ways Of Progress" Evoke Discussion

Paris, To-day.

An interview given by the Sudeten German leader, Herr Henlein, to the "Daily Mail" correspondent, Mr. G. Ward-Price, in which Herr Henlein pointed out three possible solutions of the Czecho-Slovak problem, is regarded in French political circles as an "attempt to balk British and French efforts to reach a settlement of the question."

It is stressed here that the advice tendered in Prague by the French and British Governments had been deliberately kept secret so as not to disturb negotiations in progress.

The suggestion of a plebiscite put forward by Herr Henlein is absolutely rejected in French political circles which characterise it as "propagandistic means of pressure."

These circles consider that Herr Henlein's allusion to the possibility of "direct action by the German Reich," although it was only made hypothetically, clearly shows the seriousness of the situation.

In the opinion of French political circles the object of the negotiations will be to ascertain the extent to which the demands of the Sudeten Germans for local and regional autonomy can be satisfied.

AUTONOMY QUESTION

In this connection it is believed that questions of cultural and economic autonomy will present less difficulty than that of political autonomy.

It is pointed out that owing to the nature of the military regulations in the frontier districts, there is always a risk that a number of political concessions will be rendered ineffective in practice.

Hence, it is added, any solution can at best be a compromise, and it is expected that negotiations will be long and arduous.—Trans-Ocean.

LONDON ATTITUDE

London, To-day.

Political quarters here attach great importance to the programmatic statement made by the Sudeten German leader, Konrad Henlein, during the interview granted to the Daily Mail's special correspondent, Mr. Ward Price.

Herr Henlein's declaration that the Sudeten German problem must be settled in one way or the other before autumn, is regarded as particularly significant.

For the time being the comment here is restricted to the first of the three possible solutions enumerated by Herr Henlein, that is, a settlement by the granting of local autonomy to the Sudeten Germans.

The British Government regards the realisation of this proposal in essence not only desirable but also quite possible, to an extent compatible with the sovereignty of Czechoslovakia.

In view of these circumstances, discussion of the two other possibilities hinted at by Herr Henlein is carefully avoided.—Trans-Ocean.

NO COMPROMISE

Berlin, To-day.

The interview granted by Herr Konrad Henlein to Mr. Ward Price at Eger after the funeral of the two Sudeten Germans, is naturally the chief topic of discussion in political quarters here.

The declaration made by Herr Henlein which described three possible solutions of the Czechoslovakian question showed, so it is declared here, the firm determination not to accept a compromise solution but to insist on a definite settlement before autumn.

FIRST SOLUTION

Official quarters point out that the diplomatic negotiations now going on are restricted to discussion of the first solution mentioned by Herr Henlein, that is a settlement by granting local autonomy to the Sudeten Germans.

The initiative, so it is declared, now rests with the Czechoslovakian Government and its attitude will be therefore a decisive factor in the situation. The Czech Government, so it is added, therefore bears an extremely grave responsibility since on that attitude will depend whether the problem will be settled in such a way that European peace is not endangered.—Trans-Ocean.

WARD PRICE INTERVIEW

Prague, To-day.

With reference to the interview of the Daily Mail's correspondent, Mr. Ward Price, who was sent to Prague, the Sudeten German Party declares yesterday evening:

"Konrad Henlein had a talk with the correspondent of the 'Daily Mail,' Mr. Ward Price, yesterday. The reproduction of the talk in the 'Daily Mail' does not represent the interview but a free and unauthorised reproduction of the discussion which Herr Henlein had

GOODRICH STRIKE AGREEMENT

Akron (Ohio), To-day. Employees in the Goodrich factory yesterday voted to accept the strike settlement agreement. The agreement, however, must be approved by the Goodrich directors to become effective.—Reuter.

with Mr. Ward Price. — Trans-Ocean.

CZECHS CALM

Prague, To-day.

Quarters closely associated with the Czechoslovak Government describe the latter's attitude towards Konrad Henlein's utterances in the course of his interview as "calm and reserved."

It is added that before taking up a position in the matter, the Government desires to be in possession of a complete and exact version of the interview.—Trans-Ocean.

BRITAIN AND REICH JEWISH PROPERTY DECREE

London, To-day.

Mr. R. A. Butler, who was asked in the Commons whether he was aware that the United States Government had presented, through their Ambassador in Berlin, a formal protest against the application to American citizens of the decree requiring all Jews to register all their property in the German Reich exceeding 5,000 marks in value, and whether he would make a similar protest on behalf of British citizens, replied, Yes, to the first part of the question. As regards the second part he was awaiting a reply from the German Government to enquiries which His Majesty's Ambassador in Berlin had already addressed to them on this subject.—British Wireless.

CONFLICTING CLAIMS IN SPANISH WAR

Salamanca, To-day.

Insurgent headquarters in a war bulletin issued last night state that the enemy made several attacks on the Tremp, Baronia and Balaguer sector, but was repulsed everywhere.

In the course of reconnoitring action, the insurgents found 376 dead on the battlefield. Eight officers, 85 non-commissioned officers and 758 soldiers and militiamen were taken prisoners.

In the Tremp sector, the insurgents occupied the villages of Los Lomones and Val de Cebro as well as other positions including La Capellania and the hills of Monegro and Hormillo. Two heavy enemy bombers were destroyed during an attack on the aerodrome of Cebra.

In Barcelona, the War Ministry reports that the Government troops occupied the hermitage of Estelgan and parts of Mount Conques in the Tremp sector.

On the Mosqueruela front, the Government troops recaptured the village of Verice alto de Gorriz. Insurgent attacks on other sectors of the Levant were repulsed.—Trans-Ocean.

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"I had been swimming for about an hour when I became aware of it going dark. Then I turned to go back, but the shore had disappeared in the twilight, and I somehow lost my sense of direction.

"I swam on for some time, but there was no sign of the promenade, so I thought it must lie the other way.

"I became panic-stricken, and struck out on yet another course. Suddenly, when I was almost exhausted, I saw the outline of the beach in the distance, and at length reached it.

"Judge my dismay when I found it was the OPPOSITE shore.

"So I decided that all I could do was to stay where I was till the morning, and swim back at day-break."

I analysed from her dream that the girl had been worried over a very difficult and important decision.

Eventually she resolved to act in a certain way, but things did not go at all swimmingly. She hesitated

as to whether she had not better revert to her old attitude.

Her confidence was leaving her.

But she kept on trying, and at last seemed to find firm ground under her feet only to discover later that her hopes were dashed—things had not turned out as she expected.

There was nothing for it but to return to her original position.

When next you recall a dream about water remember that, generally speaking, running water indicates a speeding-up in one of your interests.

Clear water is always a good symbol, but muddy water is an omen of trouble.

Worse still is the "whirlpool" dream, in which you just manage to escape from being sucked underneath the water.

After this dream you cannot be too careful if you want to avoid being made the victim of an unpleasant situation from which escape will not be easy.

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CHINESE LAUNCH NEW COUNTER-OFFENSIVES

Ground Gained In The Region Of Lowang

Doihara Division Hard Pressed

Hankow, To-day.

Particularly severe fighting raged, according to Chinese reports, when Chinese artillery and infantry launched a counter-attack on the Japanese forces at Lowang, and succeeded in gaining ground.

Chinese mobile units operating on the north bank of the Yellow River in the vicinity of the "elbow" of Lanfeng, are stated to have delivered a surprise attack on Japanese troops trying to cross the waterway at Kuangtai, and to have effected a junction with their comrades in the Lanfeng area.

Severe fighting is also reported to be progressing in the vicinity of Kuoyang, in north-west Anhwei, between Chinese troops withdrawn from Hsuehchowfu and Japanese forces from Mengchen.

The Japanese forces which occupied Hsuehchowfu are admitted to be advancing westward along the Lunghai Railway and to be vigorously attacking Chinese positions near Tangshan, where heavy fighting broke out on Wednesday afternoon. — Reuter.

JAPANESE VERSION

Peiping, To-day.

Japanese official reports state that a fierce Chinese attack was launched yesterday, backed by artillery, between Kaifeng and Lanfeng.

The Japanese claim to have beaten off the attack, inflicting 30 per cent. casualties. — Reuter.

TIDE TURNS

Shanghai, To-day.

The tide appears to have turned in favour of the Chinese in western Shantung following the recapture of Tsaochowfu a few days ago.

Several other smaller towns in the vicinity of Tsaochowfu have since fallen into the hands of the Chinese troops.

The Japanese made unsuccessful attempts to dislodge the Chinese to the north of Chengchow, holding the Japanese along the Yellow River. — Our Own Correspondent.

DOIHARA DIVISION

Chengchow, To-day.

Fighting with undiminished vigour, the Chinese continue to bend their main efforts to the isolation of units of the Doihara Division.

Violent fighting is raging over a wide area along the Lunghai Railway between Kaifeng and Lanfeng extending to the brink of the Yellow River with successes and reverses for both sides.

Though occupying Lanfeng and Louwang, the Doihara Division is closely surrounded by the Chinese. The Japanese are reported to be running short of provisions and ammunition.

BLOODY BATTLE

The bloodiest battle was fought at Liangchiehchwang. Closing in, the Chinese routed a Doihara unit in a series of hand-to-hand combats. The battlefield was "strewn

with corpses in pools of blood." Heavy field guns were abandoned by the Japanese.

The Japanese at Chenliu and Louwangchieh on the south bank of the Yellow River are completely isolated and facing annihilation. — Central News.

ITALIAN FLIER AID TO JAPAN DENIED

Hankow, To-day.

Reports alleging that Italian aviators are engaged in the Japanese army, and that two have been taken prisoner by the Chinese, are described in a statement by the Italian Embassy as "misleading and entirely untrue." — Reuter.

SALE OF OPIUM IN NORTH CHINA LEGALISED

Peiping, To-day.

What amounts to legislation for the sale of opium in North China, is contained in a "provisional government" order yesterday.

The order states that a "general welfare tax" of 20 cents an ounce on raw opium sold in drug-shops in Peiping will be imposed immediately. — Reuter.

ON ACCOUNT OF A CHINESE REPORT SAYS SO

Shanghai, To-day.

Mr. Kohei Murakoso, the well-known long distance Olympic runner, has arrived here in a troopship in the capacity of sergeant in the Japanese army, for active service on the Lunghai front.

He was chosen to serve in an infantry unit on account of his ability for long distance running. — International News Agency.

BELGIAN MISSIONARY KIDNAPPED

Peiping, To-day.

A Belgian Catholic missionary, Father de Wilde, was kidnapped at Maitachao, 50 miles west of Kueihua, by eight Chinese bandits carrying the Japanese flag on Monday, and was carried to an unknown destination.

Father de Wilde was the sole member of the mission at Maitachao. — Reuter.

GRAVE CHOLERA OUTBREAK AT POOTUNG

Shanghai, To-day.

Dread cholera is raging in Pootung and is bringing death to numerous farmers, according to information from the foreign overseer of a factory there.

Strictly prohibited from entering the country across lines defined by the Japanese naval authorities, foreign employees of factories declare that dying refugees crawl to the boundaries marked by Japanese sentries in supplication for relief but none was given because the Japanese strictly prohibited all movement beyond the limits of foreign owned property unless with a pass issued by the Japanese.

While the cholera threat hitherto has been confined to Pootung, nevertheless two cases have been reported in a refugee camp in Shanghai.

As a result, the health authorities may be compelled to declare Pootung an epidemic area in order to prevent spread of the disease, but in view of the fact that most of Shanghai's farm products come from Pootung, in normal circumstances, such action will not be taken until it is absolutely necessary. — Reuter.

EVICITION APPLICATIONS

Three applications for evictions were brought before His Honour Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell in the Supreme Court this morning.

It was stated that the application by Lau Wing-nin, alias Alfred S. K. Lau, for the eviction of A. E. Ablong had been settled out of court, while the application of Tsang San-yu against Wong Chung-nin, of 185 Fa Yuen Street, 1st Floor, was struck out as neither of the parties were present in court.

Hearing of the application by Woo Chan Yuen Ping, for the eviction of the Punjab Store, 122 Prince Edward Road, was adjourned.

GEN. ITAKAGI AS JAPAN'S WAR MINISTER

Tokyo, To-day.

The reshuffling of the Cabinet in which apart from the alterations already announced,

General Itagaki has been nominated Minister of War and the former Minister of Education, Marquis Kido, Minister of Public Welfare,

is described by political circles here as an introduction to a resolute campaign to carry the Sino-Japanese conflict to a successful conclusion.

At such a time, it is expected that effect will be given to a general mobilisation law to the letter.

Furthermore, it is announced that the reorganisation of the army is planned.

The resignation of the Foreign Minister, Mr. Hirota, is attributed to his bad state of health. — Trans-Ocean.

ARMADA OFF FUKIEN COAST

Foochow, To-day.

Foreshadowing imminent trouble along the Fukien coast, more than 30 Japanese warships are now concentrated off the mouth of the Min River.

These vessels arrived yesterday from Chekiang waters. So far they have remained inactive.

Japanese planes, in flights of from four to ten machines, staged raids over a wide area in Fukien yesterday, including the cities of Foochow, Changchow, Futien, Pucheng and Lungyen. — Central News.



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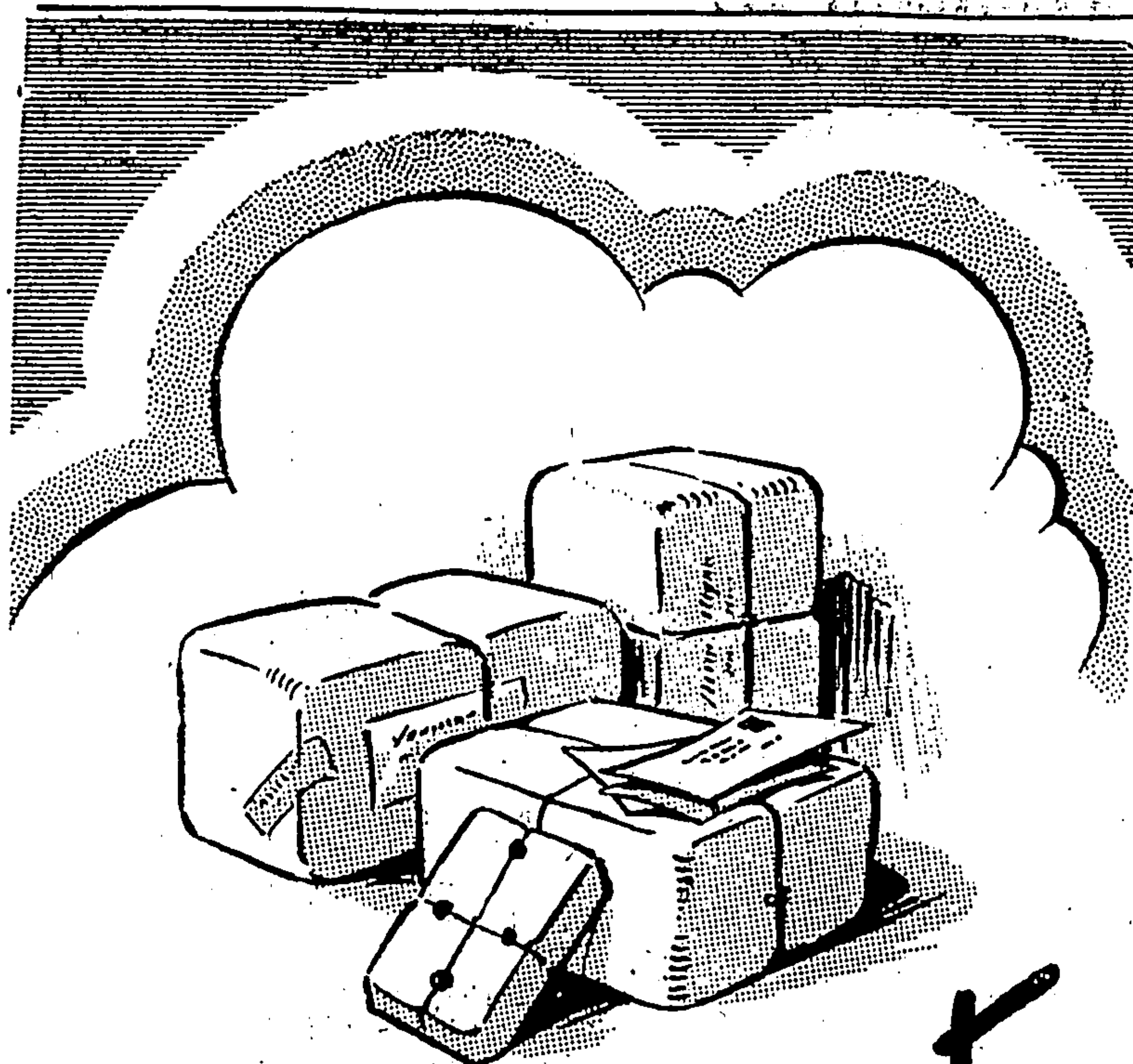
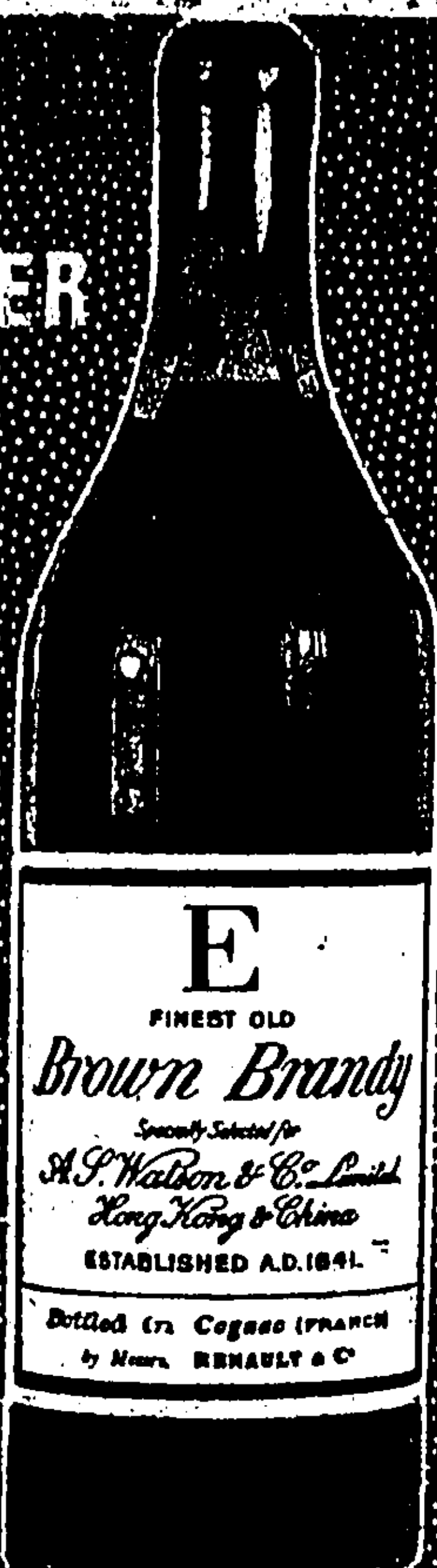
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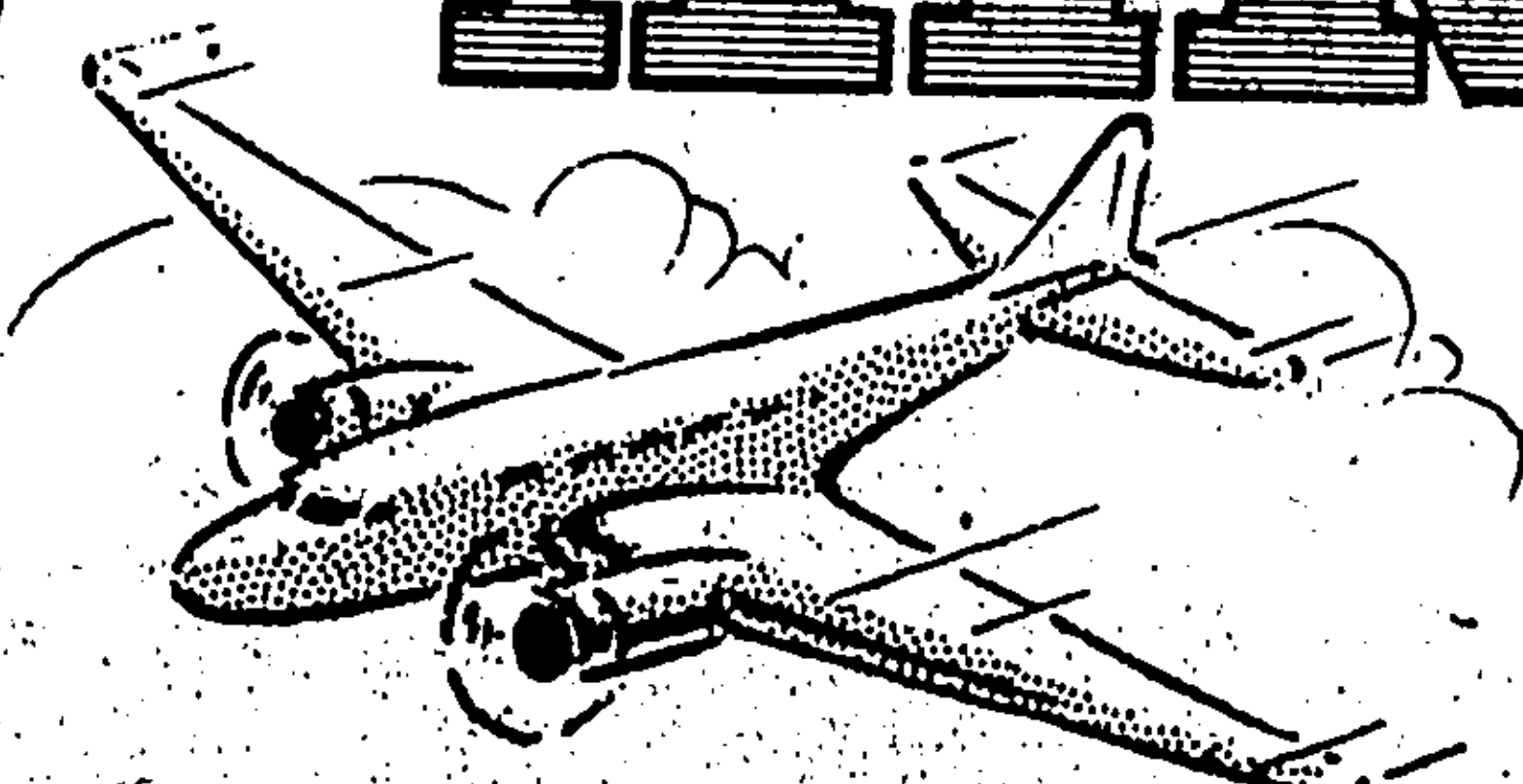
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DOES AGGRESSION PAY?

It is not because Japan is working quietly behind the scenes — except by methods which reveal themselves in seizure of Chinese mill property in Shanghai and the control of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway against the interests of British bondholders — that so little has been heard lately of her grandiose schemes for development of the "conquered" territories in China. Straws in the wind, plentiful enough, tell quite another story, of further serious miscalculation in the Japanese programme. To their shock and surprise, the belief that inspiring reports of the immense profits to be gained by co-operation with Japan in the exploitation of China's natural wealth would tempt British and American financiers into the field has been sadly falsified. Apart from any moralistic attitude which may have been an influence in London and Washington, a purely business study of the situation would certainly have resulted Japanese overtures in falling on deaf ears. The conviction of Tokyo that final military conquest is just a matter of time is, strangely enough to the Japanese mind, not shared in Western countries. They have yet to be convinced that it is a better, safer and fairer thing to lend cash and materials to Japan for use in China than it formerly would have been to do the same thing for China direct — having regard to Japanese obstruction to every foreign move prior to July, 1937, to lend financial support to China's programme for internal economic reconstruction.

The Japanese programme in China as is well known, is twofold — first the establishment of Japan-dominated Chinese governments, and second the launching of all sorts of economic developments, including the harnessing of the Yellow River. But progress in the first is slow and illusory, and progress in the second is non-existent, outside the things, which have been done in the Peiping-Tientsin area, which is far from the really important scene for development.

Japanese leaders in China are reluctant to admit it, and perhaps not wholly conscious of it, but the financial pinch upon Japan's programme is extremely hard. It will be relieved only by foreign loans, which are not and will not be forthcoming.

The American and British money markets remain closed while Japan is engaged in a Chinese war of aggression, and even a paper peace unsanctified by official American and British Government approval would not change this situation. The Powers that are friendly have not got enough money to handle their own programmes.

In Shanghai there has been much planning. It has not been necessary to think too much about how the financial backing of the plans was to be provided. Enough trouble could be found without that, especially in such matters as discovering Chinese of standing who were willing to defy their own Government and allow their names to be linked with those of the invaders.

This stage of self-deception is calculated to be speeded up now that Hsuechow has fallen into Japanese hands, but the final result is unlikely to be of any greater importance and it will not solve the problem of finance. Now far Japan's economy has already been injured was strikingly revealed by Mr. Oliver Stanley this week, in his outline of world trade trends. Japan's overseas purchases of cotton have dropped practically to one per cent. of the pre-war volume. If the financial problem has to-day reached the stage where such strict cutting-of-the-cloth is essential, Japan's grand-scale plans for development in China cannot possibly proceed far beyond the paper stage. Foreign interests will certainly not intervene. Sufficient has been seen of the methods in the Tientsin area to expose how odd is Japan's idea of the open door. Financing of a Japanese interest to squeeze out British, American and other interests, is hardly likely to be accepted as an intelligent interpretation of commercial enterprise. Even that, however, is of less force than simple recognition that nearly eleven months of warfare have served to demonstrate not Japan's military might, but China's tremendous powers of endurance. How long Japan will remain in China no-one to-day can safely predict, but this much is certain that her hold upon an upwilling China will remain precarious throughout the whole period so precarious as automatically to destroy the confidence which would be essential to any genuine investment.

NEW ZEALAND GIRL JOURNALIST MISSING

Left In Hsuechow When Chinese Withdrew

RUSSIA HOLDS OUT AT NON-INTERVENTION COMMITTEE

London, To-day.

The Chairman's Sub-Committee of the Non-Intervention Committee met twice yesterday at the Foreign Office and all members, with the exception of the Russian, reached agreement on a number of points in connection with the British formulae for the withdrawal of volunteers and the reimposition of control.

On all points except one, in which he agreed with his colleague, M. Kagan, the Russian representative entered reservations.

At the end of the meeting, the Chairman, Lord Plymouth, made an earnest appeal to M. Kagan that, in view of the general agreement, to which the Russian abstention was the sole exception, he should ask his Government to consider their attitude before the next meeting of the committee.

All representatives, with the exception of the Russian, agreed to limit the number of categories to be taken into account under the scheme for the withdrawal of volunteers to four, namely, soldiers, sailors, airmen and civilians.

LAND CONTROL

All representatives, with the exception of the Russian, agreed to the scheme for the reinstatement of land frontier control, by which control will be imposed for an initial period of fifteen days, followed by a period of thirty days, at the end of which it can be removed if sufficient progress has not been made with the withdrawal scheme, though an additional ten days shall be allowed in an extreme case.

All representatives, with the exception of the Russian, agreed that the two Commissions—one for each side—should be composed of three individuals each, and that one Commissioner from both Commissions should meet at the beginning to co-ordinate the work of the Commissions.

RUSSIA AGREES

All representatives—in this case, including the Russian—agreed that the basic figure required in the scheme for the proportionate withdrawal of volunteers should be 10,000.

During the proceedings, the Committee gave its attention to a case in which an observer of Italian nationality travelling in a British ship to Valencia was arrested and taken by air to Barcelona where he had been detained in prison.

The Committee unanimously agreed to ask the British Government to request the Spanish Government immediately to release the servant

Anxiety For Safety Not Relieved: Not With Chinese

Hankow, To-day.

It has now been definitely established that Miss Iris Wilkinson, the missing New Zealand journalist, was in Hsuechowfu when the Chinese forces withdrew from the city.

The Chinese authorities at Hankow are very anxious for her safety, and wireless enquiries from Chinese headquarters indicate that so far as is known she is not with any Chinese unit.

It is believed possible that Miss Wilkinson remained in Hsuechowfu with the foreign missionaries who stayed behind to take care of Chinese refugees.

The two Soviet correspondents of the Tass News Agency, previously reported to be missing, are now said to have been last seen in company with General Li Tsung-jen's staff, who are reported to be in safety.—Reuter.

LONDON LEGAL VERDICT ON CHINA WAR

London, To-day.

Judgment for the shipowners was given in the High Court action yesterday in which the Kawasaki Kisen Kabushiki Kaisha sued the Bantham Shipping Company for cancellation of the charter of the steamer "Nailsea Meadow" on the ground that the charter party permitted cancellation if war broke out involving Japan.

Mr. Justice Goddard, passing judgment, held that the word "war" in the charter party was used in the sense in which an ordinary commercial man might use it without going into the niceties of international law.

The arbitrator was justified in finding that there was a state of war.—Reuter.

of the non-intervention board who was arrested while discharging his duties under the non-intervention scheme.

HOPE HIGH

Considerable progress was made and the hope is expressed in circles in touch with the Committee that at the next meeting, the Russian representative will have received instructions from his Government which will enable him to align himself with his colleagues on the Committee. The meeting, however, did not settle the financial provision for the scheme of evacuation. It is anticipated there will be two further meetings of the Chairman's Sub-Committee next week.—British Wireless.

INSURGENT OUTRAGE AT ALICANTE

Valencia, To-day.

Three hundred bodies hitherto have been recovered from the debris of shattered houses after the murderous insurgent air raids on the centre of Alicante on Wednesday.

Biggest casualties were in the market place, where whole families were wiped out.

One bomb alone killed fifty persons.

The eighteen foreign Consulates at Alicante flew their flags at half-mast yesterday as a mark of sympathy with the victims while all are despatching full reports on the bombing to their respective Governments.—Reuter.

Miss Yeung Sho Ying's Exhibition at the French Convent Middle School has been extended till Sunday by popular request.

BELFAST BOMB OUTRAGE

Belfast, To-day.

The detonation of a large bomb thrown at headquarters of the Nationalist movement shook King Street, near the centre of Belfast, at midday yesterday.

The building was partly shattered and there were no casualties though passers-by had narrow escapes.—Reuter.



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Czechs Allege German Aircraft Border Violations

Berlin, To-day.

Following the Czech Government admission of frontier violations by Czech planes, Prague papers assert that German military aeroplanes

One report states that between May 20 and 25 seventeen German military planes flew over the Czech frontier and that sixteen other units of the German air arm appeared over the same boundary.

Berlin circles point out that it is extremely strange that the Czechs now allude to alleged German trespassing over the frontier starting as long as six days ago. It is significant that the Czechs are unable to describe the military marks of the machines they claim to have seen, but in some cases described markings on mail and passenger planes.—Trans-Ocean.

CZECH ACTION •

New measures by the Czech Government to prevent further allegations of frontier infringements by Czech planes include an absolute prohibition of flying over a zone represented by a band five miles round the inside of the Czechoslovakian frontier.

Regular commercial flying services are only permitted to enter Czecho-Slovakia through special "channels" through the band. — Trans-Ocean.

The Commons will adjourn to-day week for the Whitsun Recess until June 14th.—British Wireless

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION SUGGESTED

London, To-day.

Mr. Philip Noel-Baker (Labour) suggested in the House of Commons yesterday the despatch of an impartial international commission to the frontier of Germany and Czecho-Slovakia to investigate the alleged incidents.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, promised to bear the suggestion in mind should it appear likely to be helpful. — Reuter.

FAIR TO SHOWERY

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure is highest over the Pacific to the east of the Bonins, and is relatively low over China generally.

A depression appears to be moving through the Straits of Korea.

Local forecast:—E. and S.E. winds, moderate; fair to showery.



OLDEST SOLDIER TRAINS RECRUITS. The oldest serving soldier in the British Army, Private "Nobby" Esplin has been transferred to the Queen's Own West Kent depot at Maidstone and is now training recruits. "Nobby" has been a soldier for 35 years. A few happy reminiscences for some new recruits from "Nobby". (Copyright).

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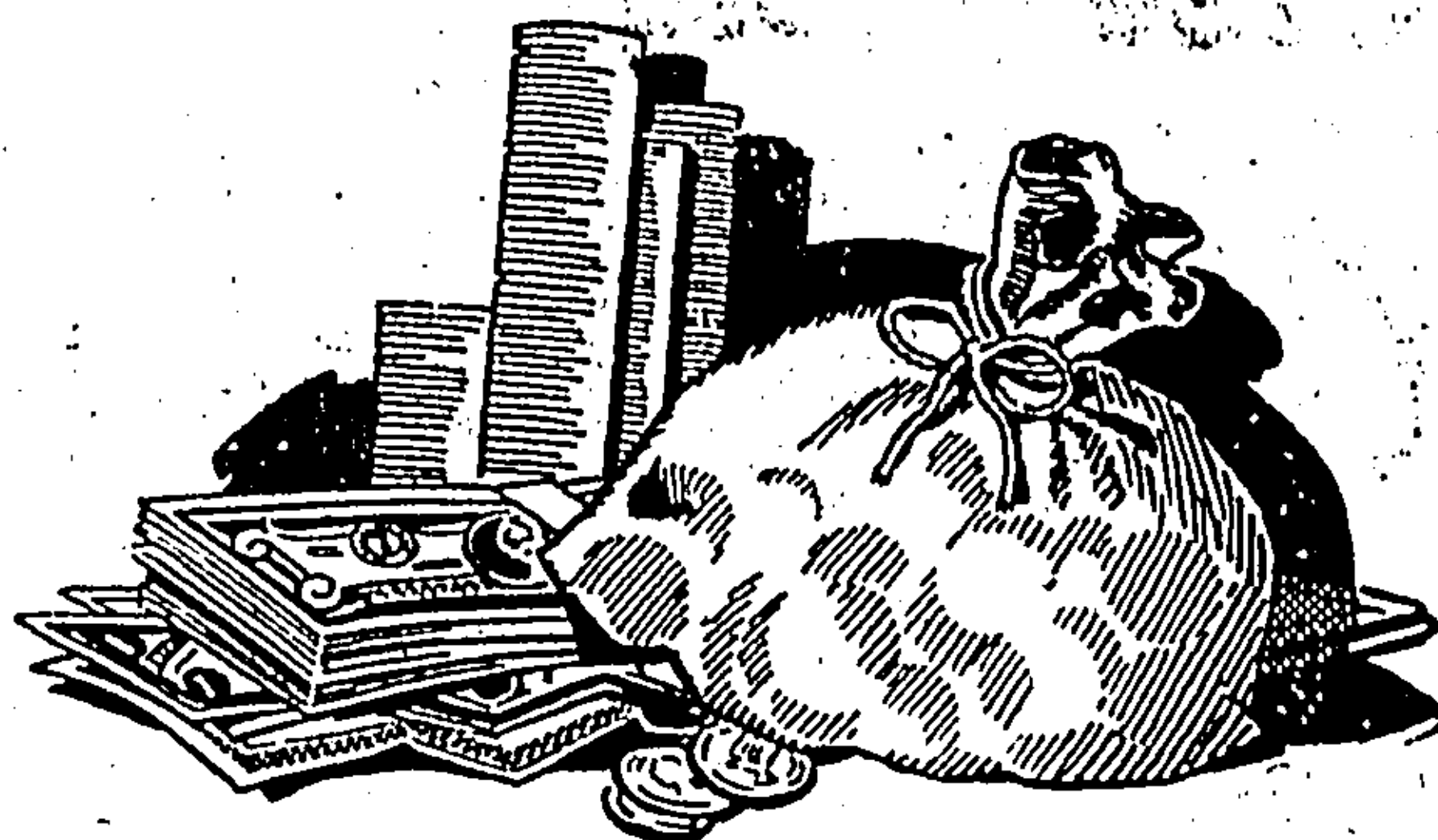
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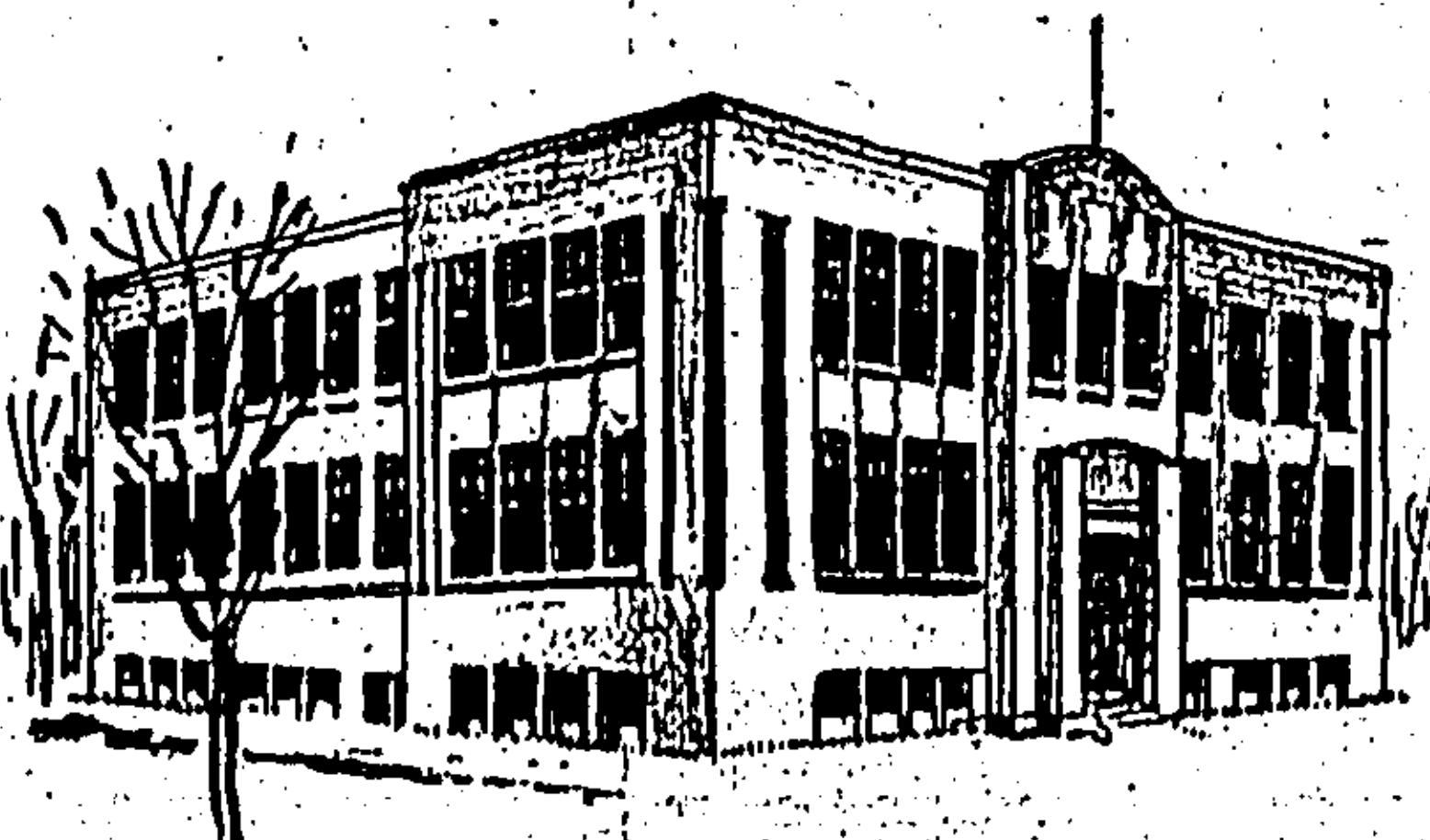
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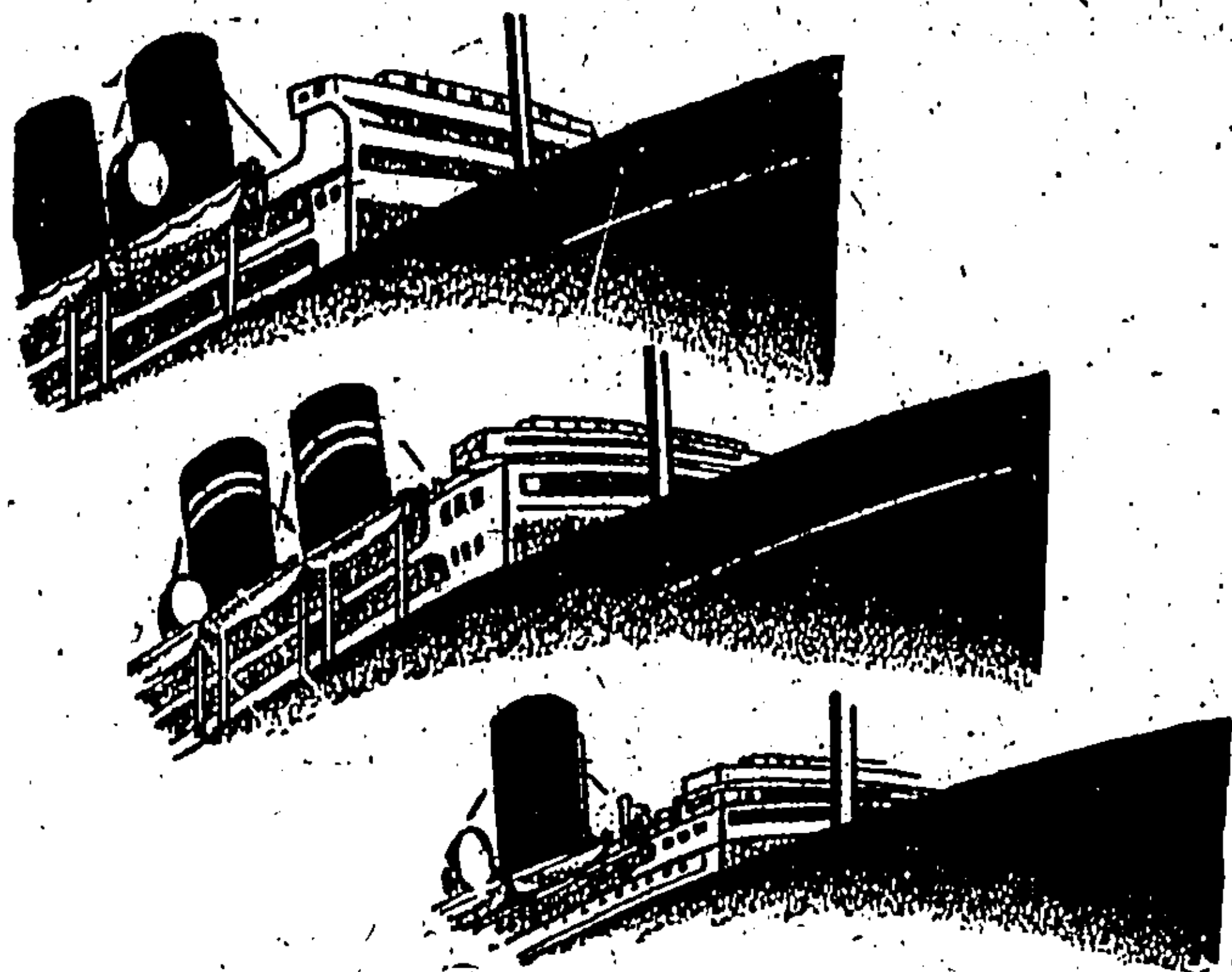
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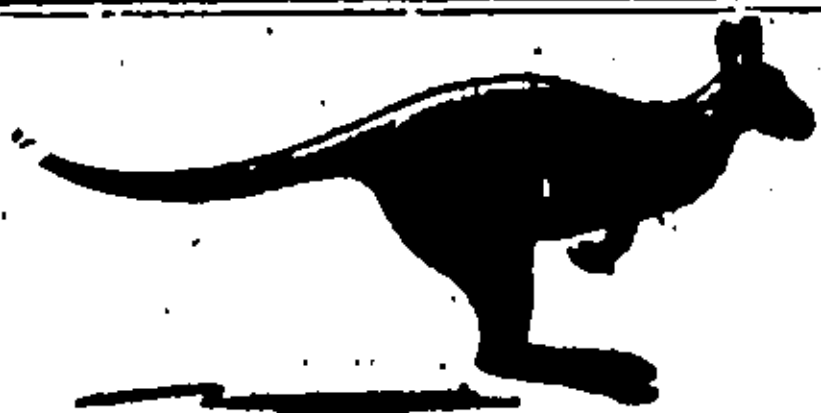
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Straits	Conte Rosso	May 27.
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Shanghai and Swatow	Sinkiang	May 28.
Shanghai	Gneisenau	May 29.
Japan	Ixon	May 29.
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Haiphong, Pakhoi and Hoihow	Shantung	May 29.
Calcutta and Straits	Yuen Sang	May 30.
Straits	Agapenor	May 31.
Canada, U.S.A., and Japan (Seattle date, 11th May)	Pres. McKinley	May 31.
Straits	Cremer	May 31.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 26th May.	Imperial Airways Plane	June 1.

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Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Seistan	May 27, 3 p.m.
Bangkok	Chungking	May 27, 4.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 9th June	Kamo Maru	Fri., May 27, 4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Anhui	May 27, 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Conte Rosso	May 27, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Sian, Lanchow & Chengtu etc. (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (to farther points by surface transport as services permit).	Eurasia Plane	Sat., May 28, 4.30 p.m.
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Samshui and Wuchow	Kongning	May 28, 8.15 a.m.
Straits, Sandakan, Ceylon, India, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 24th June.	Chitral	Sat., May 28, 8.15 a.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 7th June.	Par.	May 27, 5 p.m.
Kongmoon	Fook On	May 28, 10 a.m.
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, Egypt and Parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	Gneisenau	May 28, 5 p.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kwangtung	May 28, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for "France Orient Airways Service"—due Marseilles 12th June.	Lyeemoon	Sat., May 28, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 5th June.	Imperial Airways Plane	Sat., May 28, 5 p.m.
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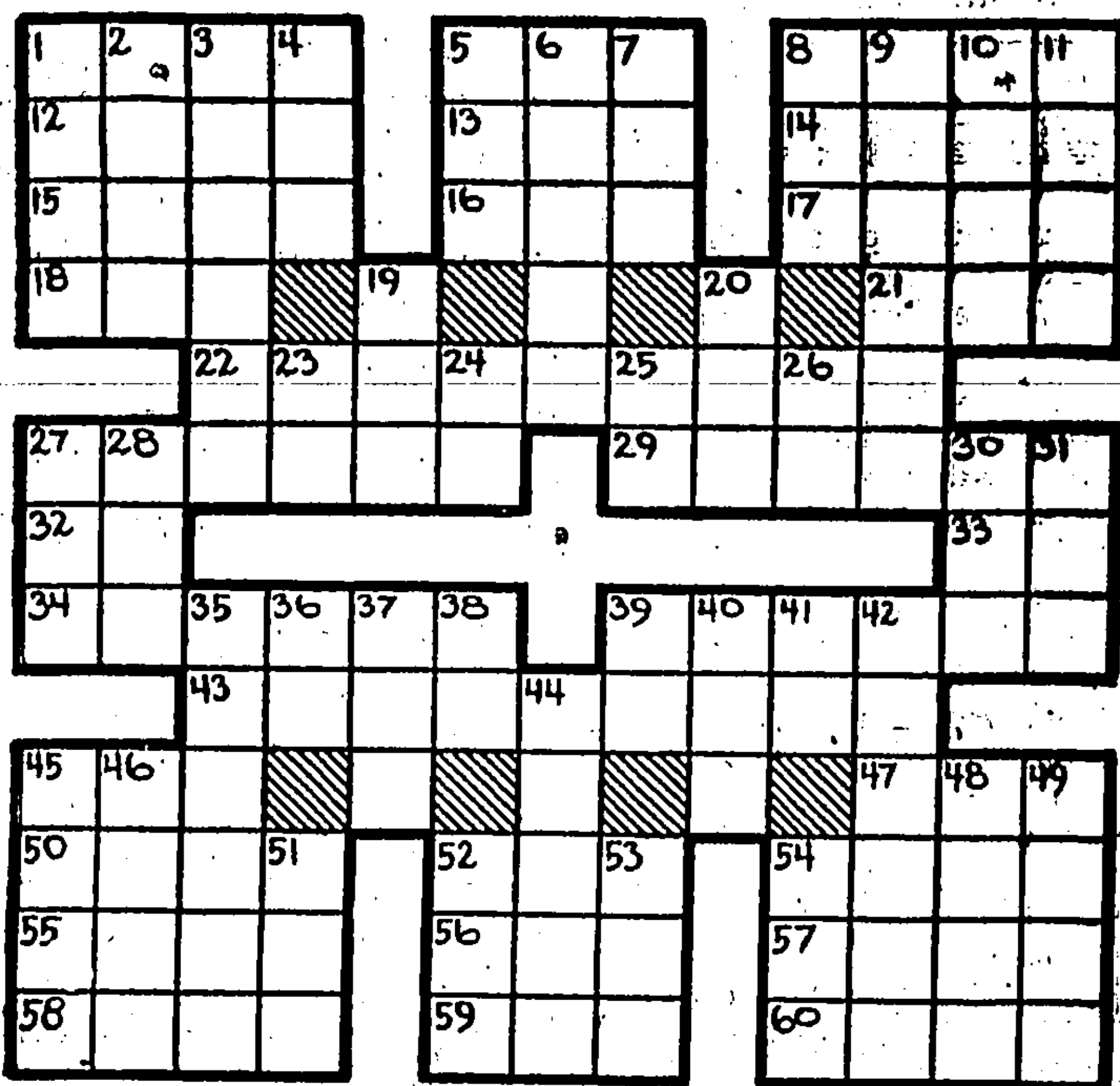
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 15-Worthless leavings
 16-Small bird
 17-English street car
 18-River in Scotland
 21-Mischievous child
 22-Skilled over
 27-Hasty
 28-Cotton fabric with a glossy surface
 32-Boné (Lat.)
 33-A land measure (abbr.)
 34-Kind of dog
 38-Father or mother
 43-Those who room together
 45-Mineral spring
 47-Sailor
 50-Seed covering (pl.)
 52-A beverage

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
 54-Rescue
 55-On the ocean
 56-The (Fr.)
 57-English school
 58-Recline
 59-Fondle
 60-Departed

VERTICAL
 1-Trudge
 2-Unusual
 3-Signify
 4-Combining form. Middle
 5-Dine
 6-Carry
 7-A wager
 8-Skillful
 9-Ridicule
 10-A weight measure
 11-Coarse hulled Indian corn
 19-Evening (Poet.)
 20-Greek letter
 23-Advertisement (abbr.)

VERTICAL (Cont.)
 24-Into
 25-Because
 26-And (Lat.)
 27-Maritime signal
 28-Employ
 30-Eagle
 31-Used in negation
 35-Exchanges
 36-Preposition
 37-Eternity
 38-A paper measure (abbr.)
 39-Father
 40-Consumed
 41-Prefix Backward
 42-Large landed property
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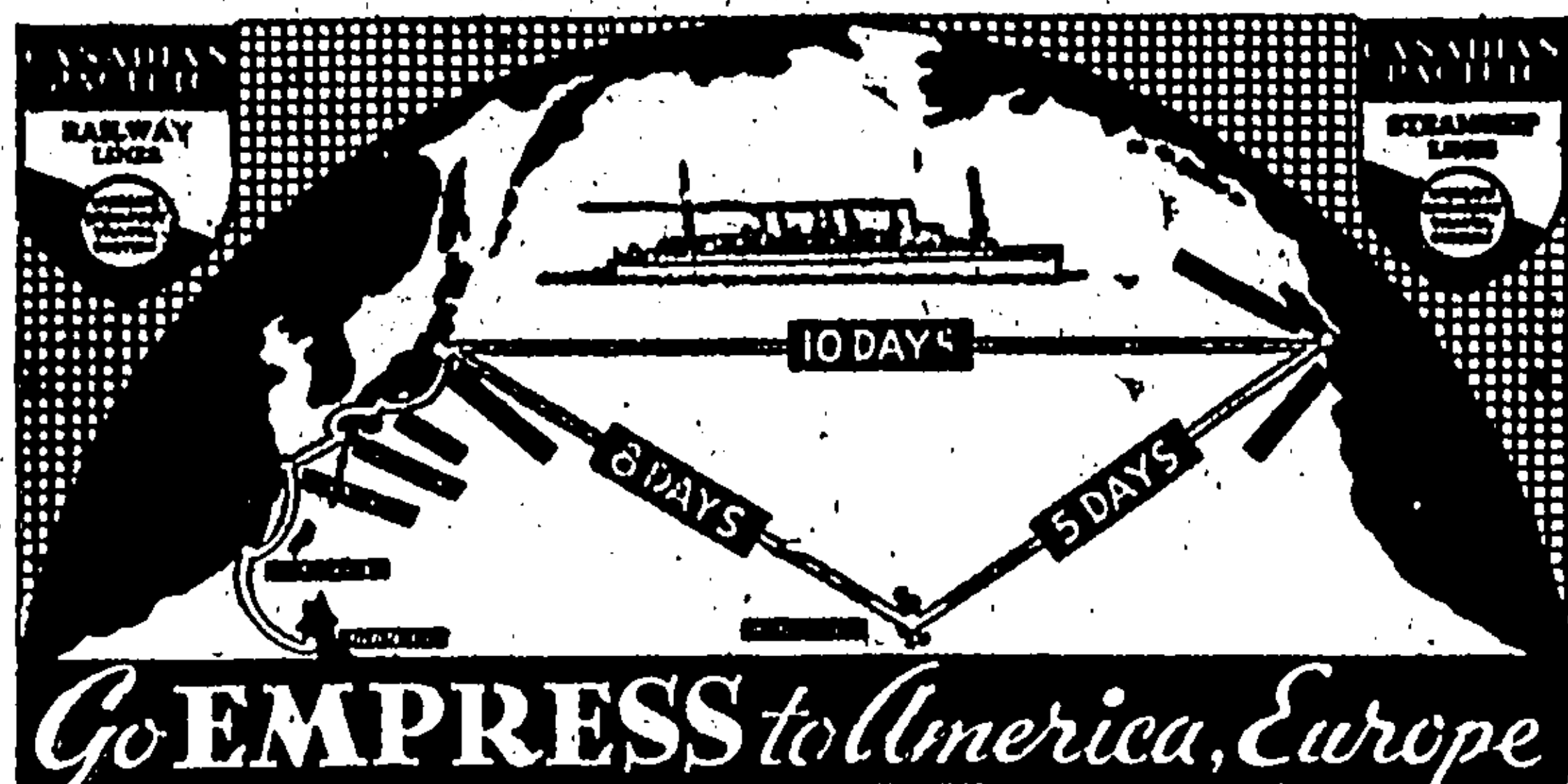
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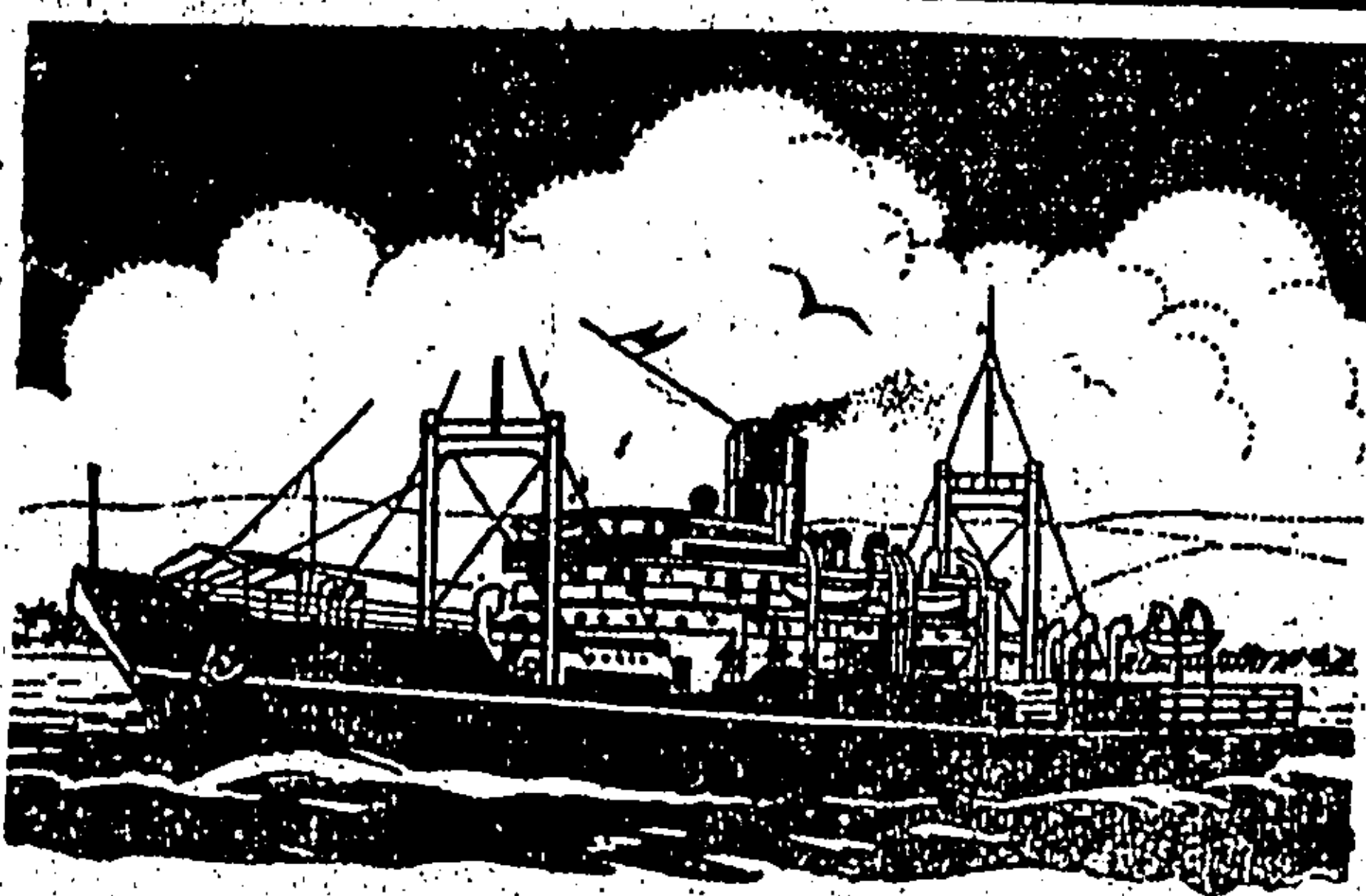
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STAB IN BACK BY MAFOO

"Nothing that defendant says can mitigate the seriousness of the offence. He might have been facing a charge of murder," said Sub-inspector Darkin, after Wong Yau Yan, a mafoo, had been found guilty by Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy of causing grievous bodily harm to Sui Fong-lam, another mafoo, at the Jockey Club Stables on May 18.

Defendant was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and at the request of Sub-Inspector Darkin was recommended for banishment.

Inspector Darkin said the men had a quarrel over the loss of a jacket. Two or three blows were struck then, but the incident passed over.

At 7 p.m., defendant struck the victim in the back with a three-cornered dagger. Complainant did not realise he was struck and struggled with defendant into the mafoo's quarters, where he collapsed. The dagger penetrated the lungs and the injured man had been in hospital ever since.

POLICE AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED

A special parade is to be held at Police Headquarters on Friday next when His Excellency the Governor will invest the Commissioner, the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, with the King's Police Medal, and will present Colonial Police Long Service Medals and other awards to various members of the Force.

Sir Geoffrey will afterwards pay a visit to fire stations.

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The first to be prosecuted, Ng Hak-leung, was charged before Mr. Q. A. A. MacFadyen at the Kowloon Police Court this morning with possession of three swords, two daggers, four spearheads and four "fighting" irons, without the lawful permission of the Commissioner of Police.

Ng, boxing instructor of the Yuk Chi School and the Ching Wah Athletic Club, stated that he bought the implements in Canton and was allowed to bring them to the Colony last year. Since last December the implements were not used. They were wrapped up and placed in his cubicle at No. 160, Temple Street.

Sergeant Pope said he was not pressing the case.

The Magistrate, imposing a fine of \$10 explained to defendant that such implements, not licenced, could easily be disposed of and fall into the hands of criminally-minded persons.

The implements were confiscated.

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Overseas will continue to be supplied by Reuters, the link between whom and South Africa will not only be maintained but strengthened by establishment of the Association.

Sir Roderick Jones, Chairman of Reuters, recently visited South Africa to preside at meetings of newspaper representatives over the whole sub-continent for the purpose of framing the constitution of the Association and making other arrangements for completion of the project.

AFRIKAAN CO-OPERATION

Mr. John Martin, "father" of the Press Union of South Africa, in formally launching the Association, specially welcomed the co-operation of the Afrikaans papers which represented an important section of the newspaper press in South Africa and which were bound to become ever more important in future years.

Mr. Robert Muir, general manager of the Capetown "Argus" Company, was elected first Chairman, and Mr. J. S. Dunn, was elected general manager.

Mr. Dunn has been general manager of Reuters in South Africa for 22 years, and returns to that position in conjunction with his new post.—Reuter.

FIVE-YEAR TRIP FROM CHINA

Cannes, May 21.—(Havas).

Eric Debischop and Joseph Tabibouet, two sailing enthusiasts who are travelling alone around the world in their little boat, the "Kaimiloo," arrived here to-day.

The two men left the China seas in June of 1932, and since then have sailed to Australia, crossed the Pacific, went around the Cape, sailed along the coasts of Africa until Tangier, from where they set out for Cannes.

Outside Toulon, the sailors were becalmed for about 36 hours without being able to traverse the last few miles. Finally, this morning a light breeze brought them into the harbour here, where they docked at 2 o'clock.

Upon coming ashore, the two men were welcomed by the Mayor of the city and by a large number of yachtsmen. On Monday, they will be guests of honour at a huge reception given them by the authorities.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

In the Colony of Hong Kong including the Island, Kowloon and the New Territories during the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, the 21st instant, there were altogether 61 traffic accidents, as the result of which thirty-one persons were injured.

Of the persons injured, 18 were pedestrians; who were either walking or running across the road and were struck by vehicles.

Three bus passengers and three tramcar passengers were injured while either alighting from or boarding moving motor buses and tramcars respectively.

One lorry passenger was injured when his vehicle collided with the hillside.

Two boy passengers of a private car, one ricksha driver and two bicycle riders were injured as the result of collisions between vehicles.

One bicycle rider was injured through falling from his machine whilst in motion.

Of the 61 accidents, 24 were collisions between vehicles; 24 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; and 13 accidents were due to other causes.

MEI LAN FANG IN CHARITY SHOWS

The Hong Kong Chinese Women's Soldiers' Relief Association is sponsoring a show in aid of China's orphans and the children of refugees in distress.

This programme with the kind assistance of Mr. Mei Lan Fang, China's foremost actor, will be staged at the Lee Theatre in two productions, presenting Lady Precious Stream on May 28th, Saturday night and Hsi Shih on May 29th, Sunday night.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2-13/16.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London yesterday at 18-13/16 and forward at 18 1/2.

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MR. GREGORY DESERVES GRADUATION

(By "RAPIER")

HAVING attended race meetings for several years, I cannot recall having witnessed sport of such uninteresting type as that served up last Saturday at the Valley, during the Fifth Extra Race Meeting.

With the possible exception of the races won by Scenic View, Dekko and Estover, the finishes in practically every other event were uninteresting. In nearly every instance it was the case of a pony assuming the lead from the start and maintaining it to the end without being seriously challenged.

This was naturally accounted for by the heavy state of the track, which handicapped most of the ponies.

The anticipated return of Mr. V. V. Needa did not materialise, but it was good to see Mr. Chanson back again. Mr. C. Encarnacao did not take part last Saturday as he was indisposed, although by nothing of a serious nature.

Riding honours among the jockeys went to Mr. H. C. Pih, who scored three winners, as against two by Mr. B. L. Tao.

POPULAR NOVICE GRADUATES
Two novice jockeys, however, came into the limelight. As a result of his fine win on Centre Court, Mr. C. L. Gregory graduated from the novice class, and judging by the rapid improvement he has made since taking up riding a few years ago, his future career appears bright. Mr. Gregory has displayed great enthusiasm in racing, and he certainly deserves congratulations on his well-merited achievement.

In one of his rare appearances, Mr. L. J. Fielden scored a meritorious success on Estover, which was instrumental in paying the biggest win dividend of the day.

Honours among the owners were somewhat monopolised by Mr. Lan, who had three wins and a third, and the Eu Tong-sen stable did quite well in securing one first, one second and two thirds.

BARRIER DISPENSED WITH
Six ponies went out to face the starter in the first race, the Yangtze Handicap over six furlongs. The starting barrier was dispensed with for this race, probably due to the fact that Pinfarthings was too restive. The race started in a heavy shower of rain, and although Pinfarthings got away nicely, it was unable to keep up with Expression Time (Mr. Tao) and Handicap Eve (Mr. Y. T. Fung).

Before reaching the Rock, Pinfarthings, which was quite well backed, petered out, and it was left to Expression Time and Handicap Eve to fight out the finish of the race, as the other ponies were too much in arrears to challenge.

Expression Time and Handicap Eve continued neck and neck to the one mile beacon, at which stage the former forged ahead and won by 1½ lengths.

It was quite evident that Handicap Eve did not relish running on a heavy track, and Expression Time's win was due to its stronger staying power under adverse conditions. Coming through from behind, Mr. Poy did quite well to snatch third place on Rose Jane.

In the second race, the Brisbane Spring Handicap, for "A" Class Australian ponies over 1¼ miles, a minor sensation was

caused by the defeat of Strathroy, the reigning champion.

This was not altogether unexpected as it was carrying 165 lbs. and was out on a track which was far too heavy for its liking, and the pony simply could not make progress despite Mr. Black's effort on rounding the bend.

The race was fairly fast and the time of 2.16.0 returned for the distance was certainly very satisfactory.

Jumping out into the lead, Courting Eve took command all the way round. Electron (Mr. Liang), Lancashire Chips (Mr. Proulx) and Strathroy (Mr. Black) tried hard to close the gap, but on coming into the straight Courting Eve lengthened the distance between itself and the other ponies and eventually won by six lengths. Mr. Pih certainly handled Courting Eve with fine judgment. Trailing behind most of the way, Blandford (Mr. Poy) revealed a fast turn of speed over the last 200 yards



and passed Strathroy to snatch second place, while the latter had to be content with third.

DAY'S BEST FINISH

Quite the best finish of the day was witnessed in the third race, the West River Handicap, from the two mile post. After its run at the previous meeting, when it came second to Lancashire Lass, the majority of backers placed their bets on Scenic View to win, and Mr. Pih, the jockey, certainly justified the confidence placed on him.

I must admit, however, that I was terribly disappointed with the poor showing of King's Lead. It looked as if it was in really fine condition and yet, after making most of the running within reach of the Rock, it faded out of the picture.

Coming into the straight it looked as if Just In Time (Mr. Tao) was going to win the race, but a generous application of the whip on Scenic View had the desired effect, and it won with a head to spare. Coming through strongly, Laughing Girl (Mr. Liang) managed to snatch second place from Just In Time.

DEKKO'S GOOD WIN

There was another interesting finish in the fourth race, the first section of the Peiho Handicap. Election Time (Mr. Colson), which paid the big dividend at the last meeting, had to be hard held on the outside, and the start of the race saw it among the crowd in the lead.

It was difficult to distinguish which ponies were actually in front, but coming into the straight Dekko (Mr. Proulx) asserted itself.

It was strongly challenged, however, by both Piet Hein (Mr. Pih) and Valorous (Mr. Fung), but they were unable to overhaul it and Dekko flashed first past the winning post, leaving the other two ponies to fill second and third positions respectively.

FIVE LAN CANDIDATES

The first leg of the "Daily Double," which was decided on the fifth race, the Shing Mun Handicap, for "B" Class China ponies, did not present any great difficulty, although many punters must have been a little puzzled about the five candidates representing the Lan stable.

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"REVIEWER'S" SPORTS COMMENTARY

McCormick Sets Up A Record

THE Australian team are not worrying about E. L. McCormick's extraordinary sequence of no-balls against Worcestershire on May 3—nor is McCormick himself.

The fast bowler made cricket history in his first spells of bowling in England by sending down the unprecedented number of 30 no-balls in the course of 13 overs. In Worcester's first innings he was no-balled 24 times. Of these deliveries 16 were not scored off and the remaining eight yielded 18 runs.

In the second innings there were six no-balls, of which three were not scored off. The other three gave 13 runs.

His eight overs in the first innings yielded 44 runs but no wicket.

The first spell by McCormick, who is described by Don Bradman as the fastest bowler Australia has brought over since the war, was phenomenal. The record was:

FIRST OVER.—NO-BALLED 8 TIMES; 14 BALLS IN ALL.

SECOND OVER.—NO-BALLED 9 TIMES; 15 BALLS SENT DOWN.

THIRD OVER.—8 BALLS BOWLED; TWO NO-BALLS.

Then Bradman took him off. In his second spell of five overs McCormick found his proper run, but he was again no-balled five times.

The umpire explained his decisions by the simple comment: "He was overstepping the crease."

McCormick, who is the humorist of the touring side, treated the matter as a joke against himself. He smiled when asked what he thought of the umpire's decisions, and said: "I wish he was hoarse."

The truth is that McCormick lacked practice. He could not get the rhythm of his long run, and often went a foot over the line when delivering the ball.

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Horse's Second "National"

IN winning the Grand National Steeplechase, at Aintree, Liverpool, as well as the American Grand National, Battleship has set up a record which may never be equalled.

Bruce Hobbs, the successful jockey, is the youngest rider to win the National. He was 17 on December 27 last, and not long ago he was at Newbury Grammar School.

Mrs. Scott, owner of Battleship, is a member of the syndicate which paid \$50,000 to the Aga Khan for the Derby winner, Blenheim.

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W. J. Wallace, (1904-5 All Black) has retired from active office on N.Z. Rugby Union. Fortunately for the game, he will continue to assist schools Rugby. One wonders what would have been the N.Z. verdict when the change from the 232 scrum was made, had Billy Wallace and his contemporaries the responsibility of making the decision.

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R. M. N. Tindall, the former Cambridge President, winner of the 400 metres hurdles event for Eire in the 1932 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, and one of the finest all round athletes either University has produced since the war, is to turn professional.

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Greenwood, the former Sussex batsman, is qualified for Northamptonshire this season, but may not assist them regularly.

Before the new qualification rule was passed Greenwood arranged to play for Stoke in the Staffordshire League. He will, in any event, be available to play for the County in mid-week games.

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CELTIC ELIMINATE SUNDERLAND

Glasgow, To-day.—Celtic, champions of the First Division of the Scottish League, yesterday qualified for the second round of the British Empire Exhibition Football Tournament, when they defeated Sunderland, the English First Division Club, by 3 goals to 1, in their replay.

In their original encounter, they shared a goalless draw after extra time. Celtic will now meet the winners of the tie between Hearts and Brentford.

MIDDLESEX TROUNCE WORCESTER

Australians On Way To Victory

London, To-day.—Middlesex had little difficulty in their County cricket fixture against Worcester at Headquarters and

COUNTY CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	1st Inns. Lead	Draw On 1st Inns.	Lost On 1st Inns.	Total Points	Avg.
Points Awarded	—	12	6	0	4	2	0	—	—
Lancashire	6	5	0	1	0	0	0	60	10.00
Middlesex	5	4	0	1	0	0	0	48	9.60
Surrey	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	24	8.00
Glamorgan	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	16	8.00
Leicestershire	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	16	8.00
Derbyshire	5	3	0	2	0	0	0	36	7.20
Yorkshire	4	2	0	0	1	0	1	28	7.00
Gloucestershire	5	2	0	2	1	1	0	30	6.00
Sussex	5	2	0	1	1	0	1	28	5.60
Kent	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	16	5.33
Worcestershire	6	2	0	3	1	0	1	28	4.67
Nottinghamshire	3	1	0	3	0	0	0	12	4.00
Somersetshire	4	1	0	3	0	0	0	12	3.00
Hampshire	6	1	0	4	1	0	1	16	2.67
Warwickshire	5	1	0	2	0	0	2	12	2.40
Essex	4	0	0	4	1	0	0	4	1.00
Northamptonshire	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0.00

won a low-scoring game by an innings and 32 runs.

Having first lease of the wicket, Worcester were dismissed for 83. Middlesex replied with 241, Crisp capturing 7 for 82—

This total proved sufficient for victory and Worcester, dismissed for 126, were unable to stave off the innings defeat.

The Australians are once again well on the road to victory, this

time against Hampshire at Southampton. O'Reilly proved much too good for the local batsmen and, taking 6 for 65, put them out for 157.

At close of play yesterday, Australia had totalled 204 for the loss of one wicket, J. H. Fingleton and Don Bradman being undefeated with 81 and 71 respectively.

There was no play at all on the first day.—Reuter.

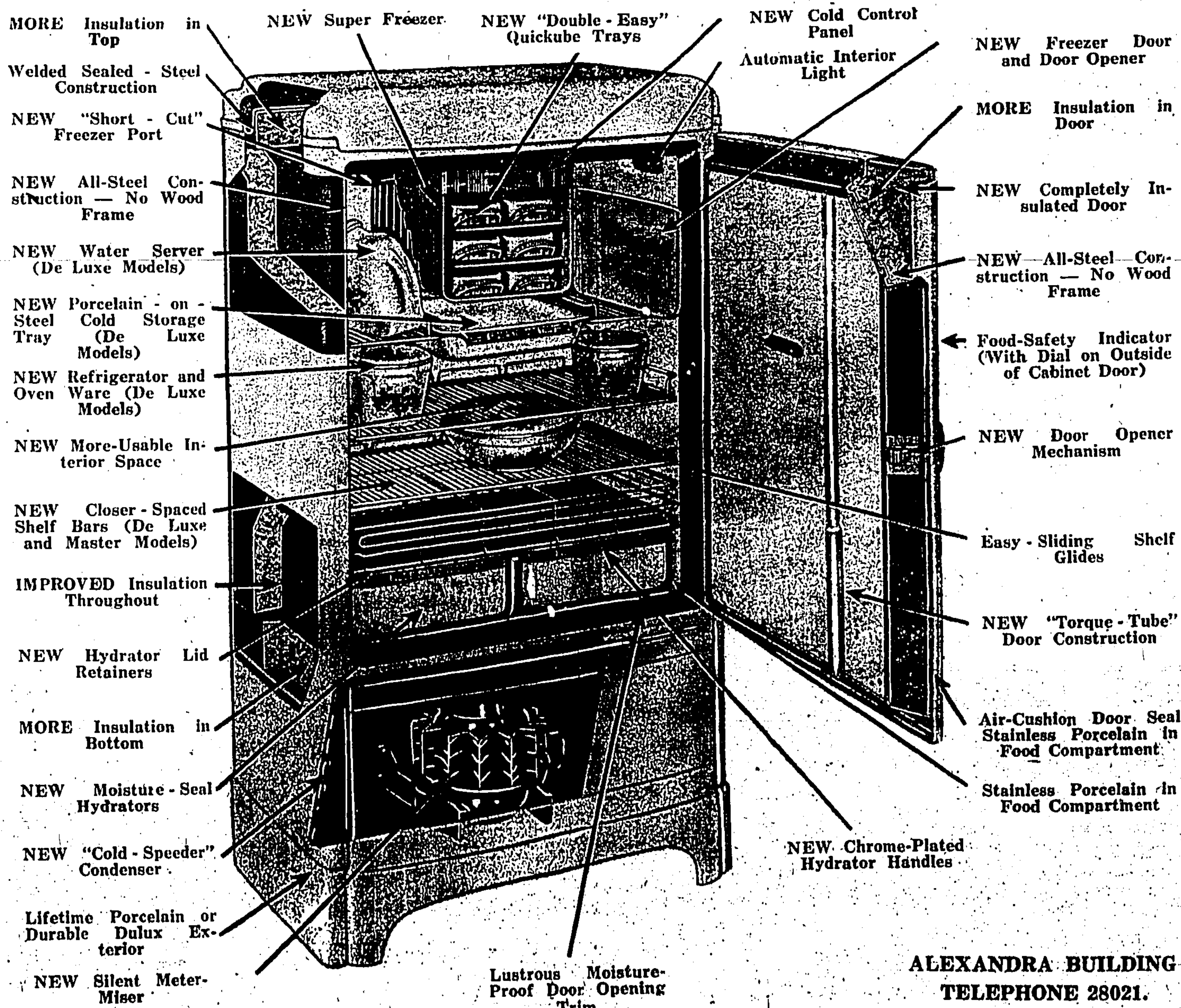
WELTERWEIGHT TITLE BOUT POSTPONED

New York, To-day.—The world welterweight title bout between Barney Ross, the holder, and Henry Armstrong, scheduled for Madison Square Garden Bowl, last night, was postponed on account of rain and will take place to-night.

STARTERS AND JOCKEYS FOR THE OAKS

London, To-day.—The following are the probable starters and jockeys for the Oaks which will be run at Epsom, on June 3:—Bet Again (Jones), Sly Abbess (Weston), Night Bird (Lowrey), Sweet Corn (Nevett), Solar Flower (Perryman), Rockfel (S. Wragg), Lady Noel (Sibbritt), Shrew (Semblat), Ocean Base (Beary), Stafaralla (H. Wragg), Croix de Feu (G. Richards), Rattoo (Mahar), Radiant (Smirke), Bonnet (E. Smith), Joyce W. (no jockey yet), Knole Star (Marshall). Gossip has been scratched.—Reuter.

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Racing

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Honeymoon Eve, with Mr. Pih on top, was naturally made favourite, and, as New Star was far too heavily burdened in weight, the former had really no opposition.

Boolat Bay, however, did make a grand attempt to beat Honeymoon Eve, but its effort was unavailing. At one stage of the race, Half-Moon Eve looked dangerous, but, realising that its stablemate was unable to move up after passing the two mile post, Honeymoon Eve shot forward and won with Boolat Bay taking second place.

Carrying 145 lbs. Potentate came through to occupy third place, but it was mainly due to determined riding by Mr. Poy.

DOWN WITH A VENGEANCE
The sixth race, the Wallsend Handicap, for "B" Class Australian ponies over six furlongs, provided a very tame finish. Made hot favourites, with over a thousand win tickets on each, Lucky Lad (Mr. Liang) and Vixen Tor (Mr. Proulx) let their backers down with a vengeance.

The race was won by Centre Court (Mr. C. L. Gregory) from the very start. Taking the lead, it gradually increased the distance, and by the time the winning post was reached, was many lengths in front. Hard riding by Mr. Poy saw Dick Turpin fill second position, and Mr. Proulx had to struggle hard to take third place.

Mr. Gregory's win brought him out of the novice class, and he was given a warm reception when the pony was led in—a worthy tribute to a jockey who has developed a keen sense of riding ability.

Those who successfully backed Honeymoon Eve in the first leg were presented with a difficult problem in making the right nomination in the second leg of the "Daily Double." With so many ponies taking part and the race contested in a sort of a scramble home from the half-mile post, it was certainly no easy task.

There were many, however, who evidently knew that Split Hand was a potential winner, but the dividend of \$45.60 was surprisingly small when it is realised that Split Hand had never before been placed.

After its wins in Macao, Stymie (Mr. Raymond) was well fancied, but it turned out a disappointment. It was not until the ponies reached the mile post that one observed Mr. Ip Kui-ying applying the whip rather fiercely on Split Hand, and the pony responded well to win somewhat easily. Another two outsiders in Lancashire Chap (Mr. Chao) and Sahara Star (Mr. Proulx) were second and third respectively.



SUB-GRIFFIN'S TRIUMPH

In the eighth race, the second section of the West River Handicap, from the two mile post distance, Smiling Thru (Mr. Tao) a subscription griffin of this year, ran extremely well to lower the colour of several griffins.

Soldier of China (Mr. Tang) was very strongly supported, whilst very few believed that Tampa Bay would even be placed. Smiling Thru had the benefit of determined riding by Mr. Tao, and its win was no fluke. It provided a stronger finish, and Tampa Bay managed to stave off Soldier of China's challenge to take second place.

Night View was again the source of great disappointment.

ANOTHER UPSET

The last race of the day, the Peiho Handicap (second section), provided an upset.

MY READERS WILL RECALL THAT IN MY NOTES ON THIS MEETING, I RECOMMENDED KEEPING ESTOVER IN MIND. AND THOSE WHO DID SO WERE REWARDED WITH THE HANDSOME DIVIDEND OF \$163.30 FOR THEIR TROUBLE.

Ridden by Mr. L. J. Fielden, a novice jockey, Estover jumped in front and stayed there to the end. Meteor (Mr. Raymond) occupied second position, and there was a spirited fight between Atomic Star (Mr. Pan) and Tabby Cat (Mr. Pih) for third position. So keen was the struggle that the judges were unable to separate them, and a dead heat was announced.



K.C.C.—C.C.C. "D" DIVISION TENNIS MATCH OFF

The "D" Division Lawn Tennis League match between Kowloon Cricket Club and Craigengower Cricket Club, scheduled for Cox's Road, to-day, has been postponed as the courts are not in a fit condition for play.

ENTRIES FOR SIXTH EXTRA RACE MEETING

FOR JUNE 4 AND 6

The following are the Hong Kong Jockey Club entries for the Sixth Extra Race Meeting, to be held on Saturday and Monday, June 4 and 6:

FIRST DAY

1.—June Handicap.—For China ponies, "A" Class. One Mile.

Bear Claw, Cameronian, Cossack's Beauty, Desert Chief, Gladiator, King's Warden, Oak Bay and Wild Life.

2.—Bondi Handicap.—For Australian Subscription ponies, "A" Class. Six Furlongs.

Blandford, Courting Eve, Double Finesse, Electron, Lancashire Chips and Tornado Star.

3.—Whitsun Handicap.—For China ponies, Subscription Griffins of this Club of this Season. One Mile.

Borrachito, Dekko, Desert Star, Final Triumph, Golden Cow, Louis XIV, Piet Hein, Planchet, Salvage Master and Smiling Thru.

4. or 9.—Customs Handicap.—(First or Second Section.) For China ponies. "C" Class. Six Furlongs.

Amberley, Bistre, Jungle Jim, Just In Time, King's Bounty, King's Justice, Lancashire Lass, Laughing Buddha, Laughing Girl, National Defence, Night View, Rose Jane, Rose-Queen, Royal Highness, Scenic View, Soldier of China, Sunlight View, Tampa Bay and Tyne.

5.—Stonecutters Plate.—For China ponies, Subscription Griffins of this Club of this Season, and ponies classified "E" Class. Six Furlongs.

Astrik (156), Be Yourself (142), Charybdis (155), Cleeve (145), Cuban Love (152), Double Chance (151), Easy Time (145), Emergency Call (151), Fei Ying (153), Happy Venture (142), Labour Day (145), Lancashire Chap (148), Lucky Eleven (155), Lucky Seven (146), Mac's Second Venture (145), Merry Doer (140), National Dignity (143), National Spirit (151), Palmer (148), Planchet (158), Sahara Star (147), Sea Dragon (153), Split Hand (153), Tribute (155), Voltaire (152), Wenning (152) and Yum Sing (145).

6.—Warwick Farm Handicap.—For Australian Subscription ponies of this Season. About One Mile 171 Yards.

A Lovely Time, Boris, Cape York, Colorado Star, King's Privilege, Lily, Lucky Lad, Rex, Sydney Bridge and The Buffer.

7.—Shatin Handicap.—For China ponies, "D" Class. One Mile.

Araxy, Diogenes, Ebony Idol, Election Time, Estover, Flybnight, Gold Coin, Gold Sovereign, Good Morning, Mac's Adventure, Racing Boy and Valorous.



8.—Lead Mine Handicap.—For China ponies, "B" Class. Six Furlongs. Boolat Bay, Commencement Bay, Expression Time, Handicap Eve, Havoc Eve, Honeymoon Eve, Humdrum Eve, Jobber, New Star, Potentate, Red Feather, Rob Roy and Soldier of Britain.

SECOND DAY

1.—Beaufort Handicap.—For China ponies, Griffins of this Season. Winners at this Meeting and ponies that have won \$2,000 or more in stakes, barred. One Mile.

Confusion Bay, Elizabeth, Expression Time, Half-Moon Eve, Handicap Eve, Jobber, Just In Time, National Defence and Pinfarthings.

2. or 8.—Lama Handicap.—For China ponies, "D" Class. Six Furlongs. Araxy, Astrik, Atomic Star, Cape Comorin, Charybdis, Cuban Love, Diogenes, Ebony Idol, Election Time, Estover, Fei Ying, Flybnight, Gold Coin, Gold Sovereign, Good Morning, Lucky Eleven, Mac's Adventure, National Dignity, Planchet, Racing Boy, Sea Dragon, Split Hand, Sylvandale, Tabby Cat, Tempest, Tiny Star, Tribute and Valorous.

3.—Whitsun Plate.—For China ponies. One and a Quarter Miles.

Bear Claw (159), Cossack's Beauty (151), Dekko (156), Expression Time (155), Gladiator (157), Moonlight View (158), Oak Bay (155), Salvage Master (158) and Wild Life (154).

4.—Woollahra Handicap.—For Australian Subscription ponies, "C" Class. About One Mile 171 Yards.

A Lovely Time, Bag Tor, Beat That, Boris, Brutus, Cape York, Colorado Star, Lily, Macquarie River, Perfect Day, Rex, Rooifly, Snowy River, Strathcarrick, Sydney Bridge, The Buffer, Twilight Star, Violet Queen and Zodiac.

5.—Smugglers Plate.—For China ponies, Subscription Griffins. One Mile.

Bestevaer (145), Be Yourself (142), Captain Blood (148), Cleeve (145), Labour Day (145), Lancashire Chap (145), Lucky Seven (145), Mongolian Cat (145), National Guard (145), Palmer (148), Sahara Star (145), Stymie (142) and Wenning (151).

6. or 9.—Green Island Handicap.—For China ponies, "C" Class. 1 1/4 Miles.

Amberley, Gordito, Jungle Jim, Just In Time, King's Bounty, King's Justice, King's Lead, National Defence, Night View, Rose Jane, Rose-Queen, Royal Highness, Soldier of China, Sunlight View, Tampa Bay and Tyne.

7.—Manly Handicap.—For Australian Subscription ponies, "B" Class. About One Mile 171 Yards.

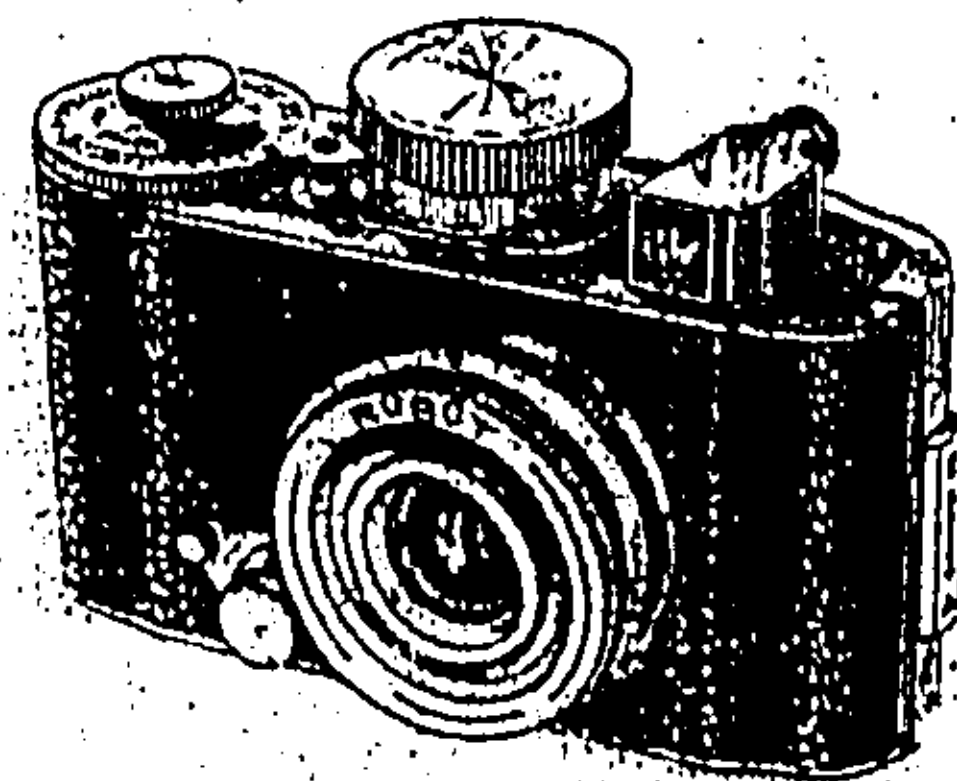
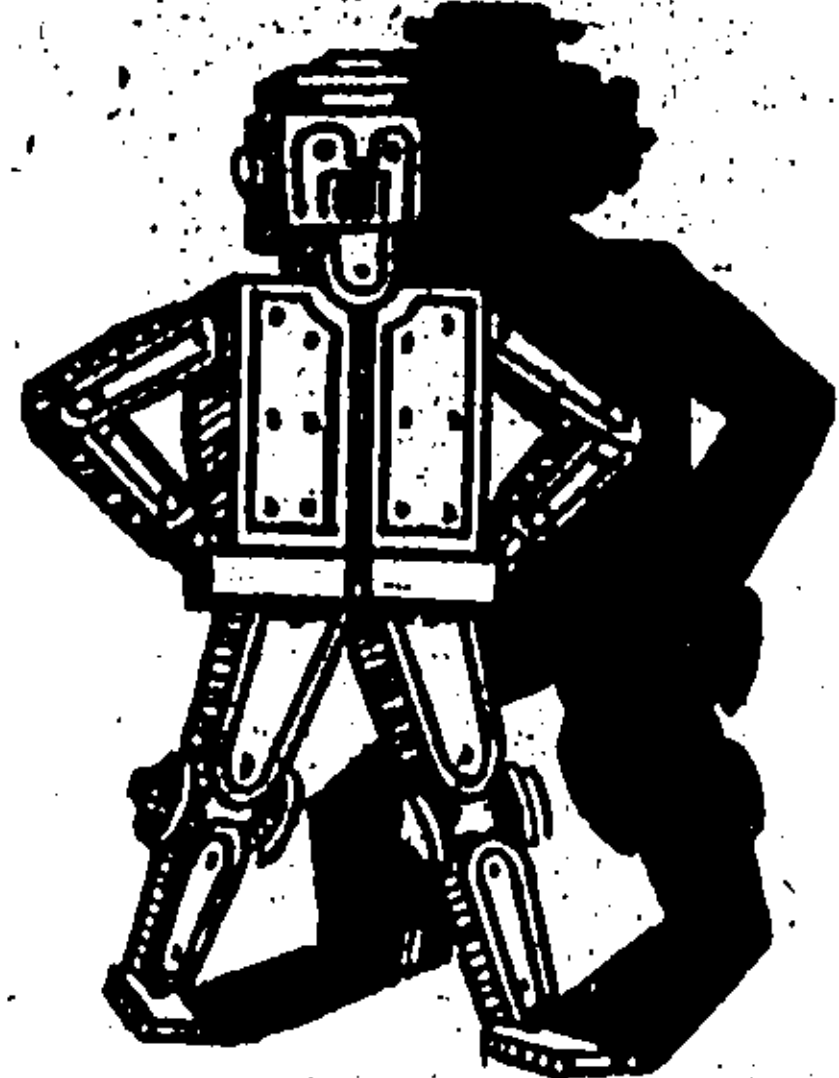
A Great Time, Annabella, Aztec, Centre Court, Criffel, Dick Turpin, Kattinka, King's Privilege, Little Audrey, Lucky Lad, Murray River and Ranger.

10.—Lantau Handicap.—For China ponies, "B" Class. About One Mile 171 Yards.

Boolat Bay, Commencement Bay, Expression Time, Havoc Eve, Honeymoon Eve, Jobber, Moonlight View, New Star, Potentate, Red Feather, Rob Roy, Royal Scot and Soldier of Britain.

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GOLF STARTING TIMES

Sunday's Pairings
At Fanling

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling next Sunday:

OLD COURSE

9.12 a.m. E. T. McMullen, D. Humphreys.
9.16 " S. H. Dodwell, A. D. Humphreys.
9.20 " S. J. H. Fox, I. H. Geare.
9.24 " J. Harrop, A. Sommerfelt.
9.28 " J. B. H. Leckie, G. C. Worral.
9.32 " B. G. Leighton, P. S. Dolany.
9.36 " A. E. Lissaman, W. J. S. Key.
9.40 " C. Austin, G. R. Riddell.
9.44 " J. A. D. Morrison, K. S. Morrison.

CHINESE BATTING WAS WEAK

VOLUNTEERS' BAD
BASE COACHING

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(By "UBIQUE")

By far the most interesting League Baseball game during the past week-end was that between Recreio and the Chinese, when the latter emerged victors in the last inning by the odd run in five, though the encounter the previous day between the Volunteers and the Indians was also worth a close affair.

The positional changes made by Recreio against the Chinese turned out quite well. Alvares pitched a very useful game and drew his side out of many a tight spot. Pereira covered the short-stop well, but could do better to leave the high balls to his fielders.

The Chinese batting was woefully weak and an improvement must be shown in this department. Their fielding left little to be desired, while their better knowledge of the game gave them the edge over Portuguese.

CORPS' DEFEAT

Over-anxiety and bad coaching at the bases were the main causes for the Volunteers' defeat last Saturday, as they were equal in every respect to the Indians, who must consider themselves indeed unfortunate on their display. M. el Arculli did not find his best form, while more was expected of the Indians' batting.

The Volunteers relied too much on their hard-hitters and this was the cause of their downfall. Bowen and Leonard went in to bat with the sole object of hitting a home run and the Indians placed their fielding accordingly. Neither was able to hit the ball over the fence and both fell a prey to the Indian outfielders.

SORRY PICTURE

The Hong Kong Club team cut a sorry picture in their clash against the Mindanao, and were beaten by 17 runs to nil. Of course Madigan was absent and they had no pitcher, but their fielders were guilty of numerous errors while their hitting fell below last week's standard.

The following is the programme for the week-end:—

TO-MORROW	
Volunteers	v Chinese
SUNDAY	
Volunteers	v H.K. Baseball Club
Recreio	v Indians

INDIAN SOCCER TOUR

Newcastle, April, 22. The secretary of the Australian Soccer Football Association, Mr. F.R. Drury, has received a cablegram stating that the Indian association will decide within 14 days whether it will accept the invitation for an Indian Soccer team to visit Australia this year.

Mr. Drury has also been advised that a well-known Austrian club team is prepared to visit Australia this winter. It is probable that if the Indian team cannot come, attempts will be made to secure a visit from a German side or from another Austrian club, which has already toured South Africa and Britain with success. Negotiations are already in progress.



ENGLAND'S SOCCER TRIUMPH

French Custodian
In Limelight

Paris, To-day.

A huge crowd of 60,000 spectators saw England defeat France by 4 goals to 2, in a thrilling International Association Football game here yesterday.

The game was a very good one and was keenly contested by both teams. The Frenchmen were very fast on the ball, but the Englishmen were the cleverer and gave a wonderful exhibition in the second-half, when they should have scored many times, but were thwarted by a brilliant display by the French goalkeeper.

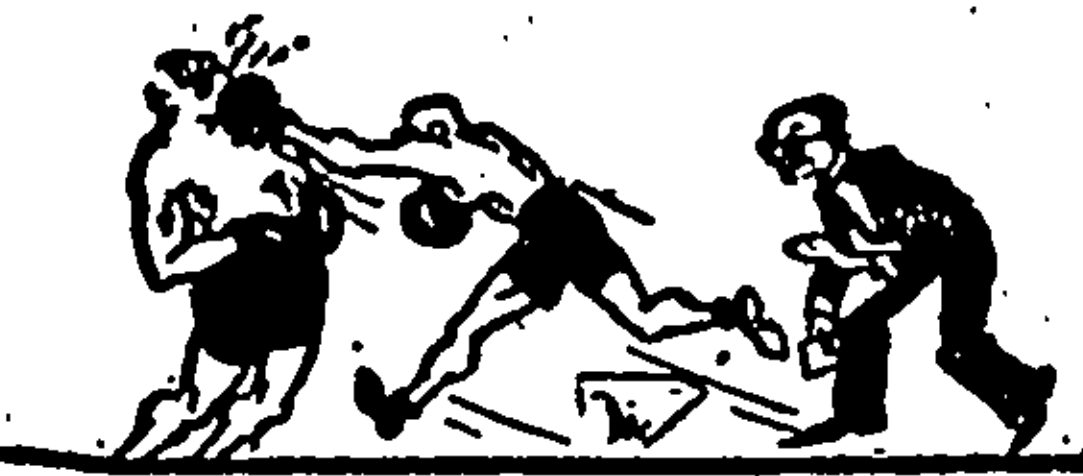
The game opened at a terrific pace and Broome gave England the lead after only five minutes play, but France levelled the score almost immediately, through Jordan.

DRAKE'S TWO GOALS

In the 35th minute, Drake burst through to place England in the lead for a second time, but France again equalised in the next minute, through Nicolas. A ding-dong struggle for supremacy ensued and just before the interval, Drake scored his second goal to place England in the lead for the third time, and they led at the interval by the odd goal in five.

The second half was magnificent, the French giving a masterly display in defence against a brilliant English attacking unit, but Bastin placed the issue beyond doubt towards the close, when he scored from a penalty.

This was England's last game in their Continental tour.—Reuter.



GINGER FORAN'S K. O. WIN Won All Fights In America

Chicago, April, 25.

Ginger Foran, the British boxer, beat the Canadian, Joe Marciente, by a knock-out in the fifth round of their 8-round bout here last night. The knock-out came in the first minute of the fifth round from a left to the jaw.

After three tame rounds, in which he was content to feel his way, Foran floored Marciente in the fourth round for a count of seven with a right to the jaw. Marciente managed to last the round, but in the next he was caught off his balance and floored for a count of seven before being knocked out.

This is Foran's fifth victory in the United States, where he has won all his fights.

DARK HORSE OF AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Upsets Feature The
Fifth Round

Troon, To-day.

In the Fifth Round of the British Amateur Golf Championship, which is being held here, J. B. Stevenson, a Scotsman who is considered to be the darkhorse of the championship, beat Charles Kocsis, one of the Americans, by seven up and five to play.

Yet a further upset occurred when J. H. Yates, a former British Walker Cup player, beat W. M. Robb, of Moseley, by six up and five to play. Robb, it will be recalled, beat Robert Sweeney, the holder, in the Third Round.

Leonard Crawley, one of Britain's leading amateurs, advanced to the sixth round when he beat Francis Francis, the well-known British



Tournament player, by eight up and seven to play.

Hector Thomson, who held the title in 1936, also entered the Sixth Round when he beat McKinlay, at the 20th.

Among the other Fifth Round winners who enter the quarter-finals are Hattersley, of Australia, C. R. Sommerville, the Canadian Open Champion, Cecil Ewing, a former British Walker Cup star, and Cyril Tolley, one of Britain's best known amateurs, and a former Walker Cup player.

It was raining heavily with a fairly strong gale prevailing when Charles Kocsis, the American Walker Cup player, eliminated Johnny Goodman, former American Amateur Champion, in their fourth round encounter.—Reuter.

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12.43 p.m.—Vienna Boheme Orchestra.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Turner Layton and Leslie Jeffries and His Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—A Scottish Programme.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6 p.m.—Dance Music & Variety.
Slow Fox-Trot—Melody in Brown.
Fox-Trot—Mama, I Wanna Make Rhythm (From 'Manhattan Music (Box')... Ray Ventura and His Collegians with vocal chorus.
Humorous—Mr. Penny On Government Service... Richard Goelden, Doris Gilmore, Anthony Eustrel, Rani Waller, Glynn Jones.
Fox-Trots—Sweet Is The Word For You (From 'Waikiki Wedding'); Blue Hawaii (From 'Waikiki Wedding')... Eddie Carroll & The Casani Club Orchestra with vocal refrain.
Vocal—Voulez-Vous De La Canne A Sucre? (Lelievre, Varna & Pad- dy)... Josephine Baker and Adrien

Lamy with Melodic Jazz Du Casino De Paris, cond. Edmond Mahieux.
Vocal—Dis-Moi Josephine? (Lelievre, Varna, Cab and Bela)... Josephine Baker with Melodic Jazz Casino De Paris, cond. Edmond Mahieux.
Fox-Trots—The Merry-Go-Round Broke Down; Sweet Lullaby (From 'Waikiki Wedding')... Billy Cotton & His Band with vocal chorus.
Vocal—Thanks A Million (From the Film); Moon For Sale... Robert Ashley (Tenor) with Orch.
Tangos—Siempre Unidos; El Que A Hierro Mata... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro with vocal refrain.
Vocal—On The Sunny Side Of The Rockies; The Last Hansom Cabby... The Three Musketeers and Rae Jenkins' Buskers.
Fox-Trots—Love Is Good For Anything That Ails You (From 'The Hit Parade'); A Sailboat In The Moonlight... Orlando And His Orchestra at Gleneagles Hotel, with vocal refrain.
Waltz—Cuckoo Waltz (Jonasson)... Dajos Bela Dance Orchestra.
7 p.m.—Sea Shanties.

Shenandoah (Arr. Terry)... John Goss (Baritone) and the Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.
Blow The Man Down; Tom's Gone To Hilo (Arr. Terry).
Lowlands; Highland Laddie (Arr. Taylor Harris)... John Goss (Baritone) and the Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.

7.10 p.m.—Marek Weber's Orchestra & Hubert Eisdell (Tenor).
Mighty Lak' A Rose (Nevin).
The Rosary (Nevin, arr. Altendorf).
Because I Miss You So (Glanville & E. Coates)... Hubert Eisdell.
"La Belle Helene"—Selection (Offenbach)... Orchestra.
Always As I Close My Eyes (Handfield-Jones & E. Coates).
Thinkin' Of Mary (Ashby & T. C. Sterndale Bennett)... Hubert Eisdell.
"Die Fledermaus"—Selection (J. Strauss)... Orchestra.

7.38 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.40 p.m.—London Relay—'Food For Thought'. Three short talks of matters of topical interest.

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Studio—A Piano Revital by Professor Harry Ore.

1. (a) South China Suite (H. Ore).
(b) Gavotte (H. Ore).

2. Jeux d'Eau (Ravel).

3. Twelfth Hungarian Rhapsody (Liszt).

8.30 p.m.—Orchestral.

Nights At The Ballet, No. 1... Symphony Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr.

Overture In D Minor (Handel, transcribed Stokowski)... Leopold Stokowski & the Philadelphia Orch.

8.45 p.m.—Studio—Rev. C. B. R. Sargent—35th Series of Opera. "Verdi The Patriot".

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m.—Songs by Joseph Hislop (Tenor).

Herding Song (From the Second Collection of 'Songs of the North'—Arr. M. Lawson).

The Island Herdmaid (From 'Songs of the Hebrides'—Arr. Kennedy-Fraser).

Ye Banks And Braes (Arr. Lees).

10 p.m.—London Relay—'Music-Hall'. Including—Sandy Powell, Comedian; Bennett and Williams, Two Jovial Boys with their phono-fiddles; The B.B.C. Variety Orchestra, conducted by Charles Shadwell; Presented by John Sharman.

11 p.m.—Close down.

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5.40 a.m.—Talk: 'My Best News Story.'

6.00 a.m.—English Theatre Music from the XVIIIth to the XXth Century. The Leslie Bridgewater Quintet.

6.25 a.m.—'The Royal Visit to Lancashire.' A talk by the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Derby, Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire.

6.40 a.m.—Next Week's Programmes.

6.50 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 7.00 a.m.

7.15 a.m.—Close Down.

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10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. 'Empire Variety Theatre.'

11.25 a.m.—Bach Suite.

11.40 a.m.—'Food for Thought.' Three short talks on matters of topical interest.

12.00 p.m.—Medvedeff's Balalaika Orchestra. Russian Folk-music.

12.30 p.m.—The BBC Military Band.

1.20 p.m.—Next Week's Programmes.

1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.

1.57 p.m.—Close Down.

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GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
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1.57 p.m.—Opening Announcements.

2.00 p.m.—Big Ben. Music Hall.

3.00 p.m.—Talk: 'My Best News Story.'

3.20 p.m.—David Buchan, in Piano-forte Improvisations.

3.30 p.m.—'Green Thoughts in a Green Shade.' An anthology of seventeenth-century verse, prose, and songs about gardens and gardening.

4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.

4.20 p.m.—Troise and his Mandoliers, with Don Carlos.

4.50 p.m.—Next Week's Programmes.

5.00 p.m.—Close Down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

How Good Are You?

Mr. Culbertson is conducting through this column an examination of bridge players. Rate yourself by subtracting from 100 the points for each wrong answer.

Yesterday's question was:

Question 50: You are East and vulnerable. North-South are not vulnerable. The bidding was:
East South West North
1 spade Pass 1 no trump 3 diam.
Pass 3 no trump Pass Pass
Pass

Dummy and your hand are:

NORTH [dummy].

S.—6

H.—10 7

D.—A K J 10 8 6 4

C.—Q J 5

EAST

S.—A Q J 8

H.—K J 4

D.—7 3 2

C.—A 9 7

West, your partner, opens the six of clubs. Dummy plays the jack and you win with the ace.

What card do you return?

Answer: You should return a heart, preferably the king or jack. Your three low diamonds are warning that declarer needs only a singleton diamond (he hardly could have bid three no trump with a diamond void) to run seven diamond tricks. Declarer is marked with spade king and probably holds heart ace. If you (East) shift to spades or, continue clubs you will establish declarer's ninth trick. The only hope, therefore, is that West holds the heart queen and that two defensive heart tricks can be set up before declarer can establish either a spade or a club trick. (For failure to win first club lead and shift to hearts take a two point demerit.)

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question 51: You are West, declarer at a six spade contract. Your hand and dummy are as follows:

WEST

S.—A K Q 9 7

H.—A K

D.—A 6 3

C.—K 10 2

EAST (dummy)

S.—J 10 8 6 5

H.—5 2

D.—K 4 2

C.—A J 9

North opens the heart queen. South plays the heart nine. Is there any possibility of your being defeated at your slam contract? State in a few words how you play the hand, as declarer.

TO-DAY'S HAND

Match point duplicate.

South, dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

S.—8 7 4

H.—K 10 6 3

D.—J 10 5

C.—8 6 2

WEST

S.—K 10 5

H.—Q J

D.—9 7 4 3 2

C.—J 10 5

EAST

S.—J 9 3 2

H.—9 8

D.—Q 6

C.—A K Q 4 3

SOUTH

S.—A Q 6

H.—A 7 5 4 2

D.—A K 8

C.—9 7

The bidding:

South West North East
1 heart Pass 1 no trump 2 clubs
Double Pass Pass Pass

A glance at the four hands will disclose that there was no method by which the two club contract could be defeated. It goes without saying that North-South received a bad match point score on this board.

The fault had been 98 per cent North's. South, with four and a half top tricks, was not greatly to be criticized for doubling two clubs, despite his lack of trump strength. He decided that with any strength in North's hand two clubs ought to be defeated at least one trick, which would be a better match point score than the partial that appeared probable for himself. He could not know that his heart suit would be solidified by North's holding. But even granting that South's double was slightly optimistic, there still was no excuse for North's leaving in the double. He had chosen to bid no trump, rather than raise the hearts, because of his miserable 4-3-3-3 distribution. With this choice, I have no complaint. But when the two club double came around he should not even have considered passing. Aside from the anemic jack-10 of diamonds, North's only high card was in partner's suit, and his length in hearts should have suggested offensive, rather than defensive, play. Obviously, South could have made three-odd in hearts.

Let it not be thought that I have overlooked East's atrocious two club overcall, which succeeded only through a combination of sheer luck and cooperation of the enemy.

What's On At the Cinemas

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EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS SESSION

Budapest, To-day.

The first international conference was opened in the assembly hall of the Eucharistic Congress at four o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Participants started to arrive hours beforehand and the proportion of foreigners was strikingly large. The Oriental vestments of Asiatic and the African churchmen attracted much attention amongst the crowd, who cheered these ecclesiastics on their arrival.

In the middle of a broad platform in the principal assembly hall stood the throne of Cardinal Pacelli and on either side of the throne, seven velvet chairs of the Cardinals.

On their arrival the high dignitaries were loudly cheered. Wife of Regent von Horthy, the Principal Patroness of the Congress, Premier Imredy and the Minister of Public Instruction, Count Teleky, entered with the fourteen Cardinals.

The Cardinal Secretary stated that Cardinal Pacelli, the Papal Legate, was prevented from taking part, and for this reason the Bishop of Namur, Thomas Heyen, delivered the opening speech.

EUCCHARIST THE BOND

Prelate Toth delivered the principal address, entitled "The Eucharist the Bond of the Love of God." He stressed that Eucharist united the people with God and thus united the God-fearing nations.

Count Della Torre, editor-in-

SHANGHAI COURTS INTACT

Hankow, To-day.

With reference to the attempt of the bogus government in Central China to take over the Kiangsu Second Branch High Court and the Shanghai First Special District Court, it is learned that the consular body in Shanghai has decided to maintain the present status of the courts in accordance with the agreement reached between the National Government and the International Settlement pertaining to their establishment.

The Shanghai Municipal Council has been instructed to give due protection to the courts and special police are now on guard.

The judges are executing their duties as usual. They have declared that they will take orders only from the National Government.

Ling Chi-hung, appointed by the bogus government as President of both courts, has not been able to assume office.—Central News.

Akron (Ohio), To-day.

The United Rubber Workers have called a sudden strike in the Goodyear plant here.—Reuter.

chief of the "Osservatore Romano" made a short speech in Italian and was followed by the representatives of various nations, each address lasting three minutes.—Trans-Ocean.

SENSATIONAL MOVE IN U.S. SPY CASE

New York, To-day.

A conference between Mr. Lamar Hardy, chief prosecutor in the spy ring investigations, and the Attorney-General, Mr. Homer Cummings, last night, has given rise to the report that the United States will demand an explanation from Germany for the recent mysterious departure from New York of Dr. Ignatz Griebel.

Dr. Griebel, a former leader of Nazis in America, was an important witness in the case but disappeared on May 10. He is alleged to have boarded the "Bremen" without a passport, and his wife professed to have no knowledge of his whereabouts.

Dr. Griebel arrived in Bremen on May 21 on board the "Bremen" and, after paying a fine of 60 marks for breaking the German passport regulations, was freed.

CAPTAIN "QUIZZED"

Federal agents swooped on the "Bremen" before she docked in New York on the return voyage last night, and subpoenaed the Master, Capt. Adolph Ahrens, and several members of the crew for questioning before a Grand Jury investigation into spying activities.

Capt. Ahrens is reported to have been subjected to long questioning on board the "Bremen," after which he was taken to the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for further questioning.

It is understood that Dr. Griebel was the subject of the enquiries.—Reuter.

TEN YEARS FOR CODREANU

Bucharest, To-day.

M. Codreanu, leader of the Rumanian Fascist organisation, the Iron Guard, was yesterday sentenced to ten years' hard labour.

During a secret session of the court, alleged documents were presented showing that M. Codreanu had had relations with a foreign country which, according to official circles, was Germany.—Reuter.

ARMY DICTATORSHIP ARISES IN JAPAN

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of War Economy as controlled by the State. Mr. Ikeda therefore has been entrusted with the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Economy.

The nomination of General Araki as Minister of Education came as a surprise. General Araki advocates education on strictly nationalist principles which will now form an important point in the Konoye Cabinet programme. Political circles describe the new Cabinet as essentially a War Cabinet with the object of mobilising State and peo-

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CHINA CONFLICT

It cannot yet be ascertained how the China conflict can be conducted on a larger scale and at the same time ensure Manchukuo's military security. The Emperor's approval of the new Konoye Cabinet is taken to mean an increase in the power of the Prime Minister.—Trans-Ocean.

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